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An onlooker said the atmosphere of the regatta changed – not surprisingly – after the tragedy occurred but organisers say that what happened should not stop powerboat-racing from taking place in future

■ BY MARIJKE COX

HUNDREDS of spectators at Dover's 11th annual regatta were left horrified after a man was killed in a powerboat crash.

Crowds lined the seafront as the adrenalin-pumping race took place in the harbour, but tragedy struck just before 1pm on Saturday when two of the speedboats collided.

Reports from witnesses suggest one of the boats – which were travelling at about 60mph – hit a wave, causing it to jump and skim across another boat, hitting one of the passengers.

Alex Edmonds, 41, from Lower Stoke in Medway and a member of the Allhallows Yacht Club, suffered serious head injuries and died at the scene.

Witnesses said the victim was brought to shore in the boat and a tent was put up so as not to distress the crowds.

Emergency services, including Kent Fire and Rescue, were on the scene within minutes and a Kent Air Ambulance was scrambled, although it did not get used.

Charlie Elphicke, Tory parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, said he spoke to one of the men who helped pull the boat to shore.

"It is absolutely shocking – shocking," he said. "The guy I spoke to said the man was in a very bad state and wasn't moving or making any noise when they towed him in, but the emergency services were fantastic and tried their best to help him."

"It is such a tragedy. My heart goes out to the family. It was such a lovely day, people were

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BIG BOOK: Members of the public can help colour in the pages as part of a record attempt

Colouring book to tour towns in record attempt

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A GIANT colouring book celebrating the transformation of Dover Castle is on a journey around Kent for a supersized record attempt.

English Heritage created the 6ft x 5ft colouring book – the world's biggest – and is inviting hundreds of people to colour the pages as it moves around the South East en route to Dover.

If the huge task is completed, it will gain a place in the record books. The current Guinness World Record, set in 2008, stands at 5ft 10in x 4ft 11in.

The giant book is filled with images of the newly-transformed Great Tower at Dover Castle.

Louise Dando, of English Heritage, said she hoped it would help people to learn about the Middle Ages as well as celebrate the £2.45m renovation.

"We wanted to make a big statement about the bold and vibrant colours of the medieval world that people will become immersed in at

the Great Tower, and what better way than to get them colouring in a little bit of that world?" she said.

The new, lavishly-furnished keep and tower were launched with a spectacular light display on August 1.

Characters from the 12th century, including King Henry II himself, met guests and showed them around the refurbished chambers.

The castle was lit up in psychedelic colours and a never-before-used Digi-Da-Vinci system projected giant images on to a 31-metre-high wall.

Ms Dando said she hoped the world record attempt would get more people interested in history.

"It's a real shame that many people think the Middle Ages were grey and drab," she said. "They were anything but and the psychedelic colours and equally colourful characters guests will encounter in the Great Tower will really change those ideas."

"We want as many people as possible to get involved and help us create a colourful and fun world record."

The book starts its journey at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday.

It will be at the south-west entrance from 11am to 6pm and anyone is welcome to colour in the pages.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man dies after being hit by train at station

A DOVER man was killed at Kearsney Abbey station when he was hit by a train.

The man – believed to be in his 20s – was pronounced dead at the scene on Saturday at about 7pm.

His family have been informed.

The death is currently being treated as unexplained. British Transport Police will manage the investigation into the incident.

Explore rock pools

THE White Cliffs Countryside Project is inviting visitors to join in a rock-pooling session at Samphire Hoe.

Leaders Steve Walker and Lyn Thyer will help people explore the shore and its wildlife on Friday at 11am. The meeting point is at the site management office at Samphire Hoe.

For details of this and other events, phone 01304 225649.

Quizzical fun for all

GET those thinking caps on and head to Dover Town Council's quiz night.

The event will be at St Mary's Parish Hall in Dover on Saturday, November 14, at 7.30pm.

Teams can be of up to eight people at a cost of £5 each; go to the Dover Town Council offices in Biggin Street or phone 01304 242625.

Proceeds go to the Mayor of Dover's Goodwill Fund charity.

Trainers theft alleged

POLICE in Dover have arrested a 32-year-old man for the alleged theft of trainers from Store 21.

Derek John Casey, of Victoria Road in Deal, was stopped by officers in Priory Road on Monday, August 3.

He was charged with the alleged theft of the pair of trainers and released on bail.

He will appear before Folkestone magistrates on Monday, August 17.

Tributes on the table

A MOTOWN tribute night will be held at Table Table at Marine Court in Dover on Thursday, September 3.

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Town urged to get behind memorial idea with panto

■ BY MARIJKE COX

GEORGE Cross For Dover campaigners are putting on a pantomime to raise money for a war memorial garden in remembrance of the civilians who were killed in the Second World War.

It is part of a two-year battle to have the town awarded a George Cross – it is backed by a number of high-profile people including deputy Labour leader Harriet Harman and Forces sweetheart Vera Lynn.

Dover was known as Hellfire Corner during the conflict and was the only British town to suffer near-constant bombardment from Nazi artillery in France.

It Ain't 'Alf Dover Dad, set in a prisoner-of-war camp, is being shown at Dover Town Hall on Friday, August 21, at 7pm.

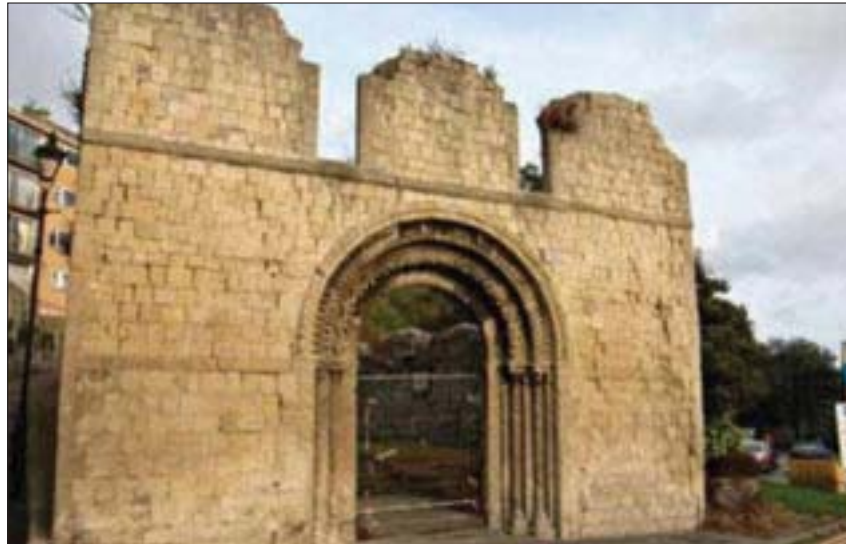
Tony Cleaver, vice-chairman of the George Cross Campaign, said funds raised through the pantomime would help with their plight to get the 210 Dover civilians who died in the Second World War recognised.

"We're looking at the St James's site as the location for the garden, but we need to raise money for surveys and other planning needs," he said.

"It might not be possible to have it there, but we are determined to have one somewhere in the town to remember the people who died.

"There are lots of war memorials around the country, but as far as we know, there are none for the civilians who were killed."

Tory parliamentary candidate Charlie



LOCATION: The St James site is hoped to be suitable for the memorial garden to remember Dover's civilian war victims

Elphicke is one of many well-known faces taking to the stage in aid of the campaign.

The night will open with popular folk-rock band The Dealers, while local singer Kaz, who sings wartime songs to audiences up and down the country, will also perform.

Mr Cleaver said: "The play is about Dover in World War Two and it's full of music and comedy. There's also going to be a chance for the audience to get involved and there will be a raffle."

As part of the George Cross for Dover cam-

paign a DVD about the war has also been created by the group.

A leaflet has been produced in conjunction with the film, telling people about Dover's Second World War history.

Tickets for the pantomime are £3 and available by phoning chairman Chris Precious on 01304 204211 or 07982 181977 or by popping into Ann & Pam's Florists, Philips & Drew, Dover Town Council, Dover Tourist Information Centre or Curiosity Gifts.

Anger as arcade given go-ahead

RESIDENTS against the development of an amusement centre in Deal have slammed the district council for giving the go-ahead before the consultation period had ended.

Objectors criticised the local authority, claiming it had "pushed through" plans for the old Strand pub on Thursday, July 30, despite representations being sought until the following day.

But Dover District Council has defended its decision, stating it had been clear there were no further public representations to be made.

The application for an amusement centre in the High Street had been turned down in April and an appeal was lodged.

But following approval by DDC's planning committee two weeks ago, the appeal was withdrawn and the subsequent public inquiry set for Tuesday, September 22, cancelled.

Withdrawn

Deal town councillor Bryan Henderson, who voted against the development, said he and others living nearby were disappointed with the decision.

Cllr Henderson also said the application had been rejected by Deal Town Council's planning committee and he was "fed up" with permission being granted for developments when they were rejected by town councils.

But a planning officer from DDC said that, although their views were taken into account, the district committee did not have to agree with town councillors.

DDC also denied claims that the planning committee had made the decision before the end of the consultation period.

The planning officer said: "The written recommendation safeguarded the position regarding the consultation period by making clear that this decision was subject to no further public representations raising fresh issues and I clarified this point further at the meeting."

Regatta crowd was 'deflated' by boat tragedy

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smiling and having fun and then this awful tragedy happened."

Bill Fawcus, chairman of Dover Seasports Development Trust, which helps organise the regatta, said powerboat-racing was immediately stopped, but the victim's parents asked for other events to continue.

"His family said Alex would have wanted the regatta to carry on, so we went ahead except for powerboat-racing," Mr Fawcus said.

"This was a very sad and tragic accident and our hearts go out to his family and friends and also to his colleagues and competitors who were deeply shocked and saddened by what happened."

Mr Fawcus told Yourdover that the accident did not necessarily mean powerboat-racing would be off the agenda for next year's regatta.

Paul Boland, from Dover, was on the seafloor when disaster struck and said the feeling of the crowd changed: "I was strolling along taking pictures when I bumped into a couple of people saying something awful had happened... everyone was in shock, it felt very deflated down on the seafloor."

An investigation by the Marine Accident Investigation Board is under way.

Scooter fans mourn Legionnaires' death of fellow enthusiast

AN AYCLIFFE man is believed to have died of Legionnaires' disease.

According to reports on community websites, Kevin Carroll, 50, died on Saturday night after falling ill with the respiratory disease earlier in the week.

He was an avid member of the Dover Saints Scooter Club and was described by friends on its website as a "great guy", with many expressing their shock at his sudden passing.

According to a profile on the site, Mr Carroll worked for Stagecoach and had recently married.

The club and his family hope to organise a 'scooter send-off' with a procession of scooters at the funeral. The date is yet to be confirmed.

He is one of three people to have been struck down with the rare *Legionella pneumonia* disease in east Kent in the past week. It is caused when water droplets containing the *Legionella* bacterium are inhaled.

East Kent Hospitals University Trust confirmed that an elderly patient at the William Harvey

Hospital developed the condition, leading to staff spending much of the weekend disinfecting shower and bath fittings.

Another case was admitted to the hospital in Ashford, but they were already sick with the infection.

Both are seriously ill but stable.

Mr Carroll had no known connection to the William Harvey Hospital and was reportedly admitted to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital already ill from the disease.

The Health Protection Agency has confirmed that the risk of anyone contracting an infection at the Ashford hospital is minimal and that it cannot spread from person to person.

Anyone who visited the William Harvey Hospital between July 27 and August 9 and has developed a flu-like illness or chest infection should phone their GP or the hospital helpline on 01233 616161.

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Karate club kicks up a storm for charity

MEMBERS of the Dover Kyokushinkai Karate Club have raised £700 in the Relay For Life race in Rochester.

Senior instructor Sempai Caroline Wright said the club was thrilled with the support it received which helped it raise money for Cancer Research.

She said: "It was great so many of our members and supporters found the time to take part in such a worthwhile event."

Members also practised their karate and 30 were graded, with Ryan Burgess awarded student of the month.

Shihan Sean Wright, chief instructor, said: "All our members put in a lot of hard work to achieve their gradings, so it is difficult to single out one, but Ryan has worked particularly hard for this belt."

To join the club, call 01304 204353 or visit www.doverkyokushinkaikarateclub.com.

LibDems mourn stalwart's passing

A WELL-KNOWN member of the Dover and Deal Liberal Democrats has died after a long illness.

John Hilton passed away on Wednesday, July 29, leaving behind Jan, his wife of 44 years; their three daughters, Sarah, Tina and Gloria; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He served as secretary on the Liberal Democrat Party committee for five years until 2008. He was also the auditor of the party accounts until he died.

He and his wife ran the Talavera Guest House in Folkestone Road after moving to Dover from Lewisham in 1998. Mr Hilton stood as a councillor in numerous local elections.

His funeral is at Barham Crematorium at midday on Friday (August 14).

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Family return to Africa after losing four-year fight to stay

■ BY MARIJKE COX

AN ALGERIAN family living in Dover for the past four years have been deported after the mother decided to "leave with dignity".

Samia and Noradine Berzi and their sons Sami, 13, and M'Hand, 10, were sent back to their home country after a campaign to allow them to stay on compassionate grounds failed.

In a moving text message to Kate Adams from the Kent Refugee Network, Samia wrote: "I received the letter. Refused."

"I'm going home with the rest of my dignity. Thank you."

In some cases, deportees are forcibly put on aeroplanes home, but according to Ms Adams the Berzi family left without resistance.

Ms Adams said the family had fled Algeria in 2005 because of alleged domestic abuse from Mrs Berzi's in-laws which had put the children at risk.

The children attended local schools and spoke

English, while Samia had been working as a volunteer for the Dover Detainee Visitor Group, Kent Refugee Network, Barnado's and St Guston's Church.

But last week Immigration Minister Phil Woolas refused them residency, despite representations from Dover and Deal MP Gwyn Prosser and letters of support from charities across the UK.

Ms Adams said "If we'd had longer to campaign I think it may have helped, but Samia didn't want to go public with it."

"She was hoping there would be something legal that would help her and her family, but unfortunately all the legal options were exhausted."

"It is a very sad case as the family had settled here. They had been living with a friend in Dover and started a new life."

According to Ms Adams, a lack of fresh

evidence had led to Mr Woolas's decision. Labour MP Mr Prosser had pleaded with the immigration minister, but Ms Adams said it was too late.

"We didn't have enough time," she said.

"There were letters of support from people all over the UK – there was a fantastic effort, but because Samia didn't want the publicity it wasn't very high-profile."

"It also happened in the school holidays, which didn't help. In another deportation case, students staged a demonstration to stop it happening."

Ms Adams said it was particularly heart-breaking as the family had settled into their new life in Dover.

She said: "Most families get dispersed around the country, but because they could stay with a friend they stayed in the area."

"I worked with Samia as a volunteer and she was brilliant – she could have gone far if she was given the right to stay and work."

"She would have been a huge asset."



HELPERS WADE IN TO CLEAR UP

A knife and a hypodermic syringe were among 60 bags of rubbish cleared out of the River Dour by a group of volunteers led by the White Cliffs Countryside Project.

Three pushchairs, a child's scooter, three road cones and a shopping trolley were also hauled out.

Tom Reid from the Environment Agency also came along to help the 29 volunteers involved in the clean-up.

Kirk Alexander, project manager for the White Cliffs Countryside Project, said: "It was a bumper turnout, but there are usually at least a dozen people on the river clean-ups."

"They are local people who want to help keep the river clean and tidy. We are always looking for more volunteers – anyone who would like to come and help is welcome."

There are two more clean-ups, sponsored by the town council, on Thursday, August 20, and Friday, September 25.

Equipment and training is provided.

To get involved, you can phone Kirk Alexander or Paul Willmott on 01304 241806.

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CATCH OF THE DAY: Leashya Sue Robus opened up her seafood kiosk when she saw a gap in the Dover market

Fish stall owner has hooked into something good

SOMETHING fishy is going down on Dover seafront with the grand opening of the town's one and only seafood stall.

Most coastal resorts already boast a selection of kiosks for holidaymakers and locals, but for Dover there has been a lack of on-the-go seafood treats for years.

Seeing a gap in the market, former London pub manager Leashya Sue Robus decided to take it upon herself to open Sue's Seafood after starting up nine months ago on a fish-monger tricycle in Deal.

She said: "I was walking through Dover one day with my mother and I couldn't see any fishmongers, seafood stalls or anywhere that sold fresh fish," she said.

"I had already started out with two tricycles in Deal after moving back from London and I thought it would be a great opportunity to have a stall on Dover seafront."

Leashya - known by most as Sue - said the response since she opened a week ago had been amazing.

"Eating habits are changing and a lot of people have said they would rather buy fish than a hamburger," she said.

"Quite a few of the office-workers based on Marine Parade come down and have some-

■ BY MARIJKE COX

thing to eat - I do fish burgers and lots of other tasty lunchtime treats."

The 33-year-old, who recently bought a flat in Deal, is anticipating a huge rush over the Dover Regatta weekend.

She said: "I'm looking forward to it, but it's also quite daunting - it's going to be very busy and I run this place on my own."

"Dover Harbour Board has been brilliant and helped me get my licence through so I would be open and ready for the regatta."

Sue sources most of her produce locally and is hoping to get a selection of wet-fish for the winter months.

She said: "My customers are very impressed with my produce, especially the crab - I've been selling out of it most days."

"I'm inviting people to place orders with me now, as well as popping in for a snack."

Asked whether she had any regrets swapping a bar in London for a stall on Dover seafront, she said: "I'd almost forgotten how lovely this area is."

"I'm really pleased to be here, working down on the seafront."

To place an order with Sue's Seafood, phone 07811 607010.

Rebecca pips rest to pick foal's name

THE newest member of a family of wild horses living near Dover has been named Pippin.

Its name was chosen through a competition organised by the White Cliffs Countryside Project (WCCP) in which youngsters from the district's primary schools had to come up with suggestions for the Konik horse.

Rebecca Stothart, aged six, from Dover, thought up the winning entry and won a free ticket to the Wildwood Trust Wildlife Park in Canterbury.

The WCCP organised activities for the naming ceremony celebrations at High Meadow, which is owned by Dover Town Council and is the foal's birthplace.

The herd of wild horses was moved to the chalkland by the Wildwood Trust earlier this year to help restore it.



Management of the site has been taken over by the WCCP.

Mayor of Dover Sue Jones is pictured with parents and children at the name-the-foal day.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Weather sparks exodus

DOWNPOURS across the UK have led to a rise in holidaymakers flocking to the Continent for some much-needed sunshine, according to P&O Ferries.

The company has reported a rise in business over the past few weekends, with bosses saying it's not just the school holidays causing it, but the bad British weather.

Last weekend, P&O Dover-Calais ferries showed a rise of about five per cent more passengers than this time last year, with 54,000 passengers and 18,000 cars.

A spokesman said the strong reaction to the bad weather, with more families opting to travel south through Europe, had led to ferries regularly being more than five per cent busier than in the summer of 2008.

"Things may be tough, but the British have a strong attachment to the Continental lifestyle and just love hitting the open road in search of sun instead of dodging the downpours at home," the P&O spokesman said.

For more information, or to book with P&O Ferries, visit www.POFerries.com.

Stroll along the cliff-top

A WALK along Dover's Langdon Cliffs has been organised by the White Cliffs Countryside Project.

The four-mile walk, which is on Saturday (August 15) at 11am, is being held to show children the flora, fauna and history of the cliffs.

Children must be accompanied by a guardian, with a maximum of four children per adult. There are limited spaces available, so visitors are asked to pre-book places.

The meeting point is at the White Cliffs Visitor Centre on Upper Road, Langdon Cliffs, in Dover.

For more information, phone 01304 202756.

Dosey-doe at barn dance

GRAB a partner by the arm and mosey on down to the barn dance at Kings Hall in Dover.

The Dover Town Council event is being held on Friday, September 11, from 7.30pm to 11pm and features the Vagabonds.

Guests are invited to bring along an indoor picnic, but drinks must be bought at the bar.

All proceeds will go towards the Mayor of Dover's Goodwill Fund, which benefits local causes.

Tickets cost £7.50 and are available from the town council offices on Biggin Street or by phoning 01304 242625.

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"I've really enjoyed my course as it has mechanical, electrical and maintenance aspects as well as key skills, so it has opened up a lot of options for future course and career choices. The tutors are really able to get the information across and always ask if you need help. You also have a pastoral tutor to support you. Mine, Wendy, was great. If you had any problems at College you could discuss them with her and she would help sort them out."

Conor adds:

"I liked the learning methods on this course because of the heavy emphasis on practical skills. You have to focus a lot and every detail is vital. I am now progressing onto the BTEC National Diploma in Engineering which is a 2-year course. I've made lots of friends here and I am really pleased that there will be 5 of my friends joining too."

After the National Diploma, Conor hopes to find employment working as an engineer on tower cranes or generators.



Joshua didn't enjoy school and much preferred doing things with his hands to academic studies. Joshua left with mostly Ds or Es in his GCSEs but had also done well on an introductory engineering course. From the age of 13 he has been helping and working for the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch Railway.

"I asked the railway for a full-time job but was told I had to be 18 and also that I required broader engineering skills. I was not at all sure about College after my experience at school but was persuaded at interview to give it a go. So I started the course, found I liked the College and not only discovered aspects of engineering that were completely new to me such as milling, but also found the maintenance training really useful."

During the course Joshua was in a team of 3 who were awarded a "Vernier Caliper" (a valuable piece of measuring equipment) for good attendance, safety awareness and quality of work. This included milling and turning work to 0.1mm accuracy.

Joshua commented:

"I'm really pleased I did the course. I have a recognised engineering qualification covering mechanical and electronic engineering which I can use as a springboard for further qualifications in the future, and I leave the course with broader and more finely tuned skills which will help me enormously in my new job on the railway. The work involves workshop work, track maintenance, signal box work and eventually I get to drive a train."



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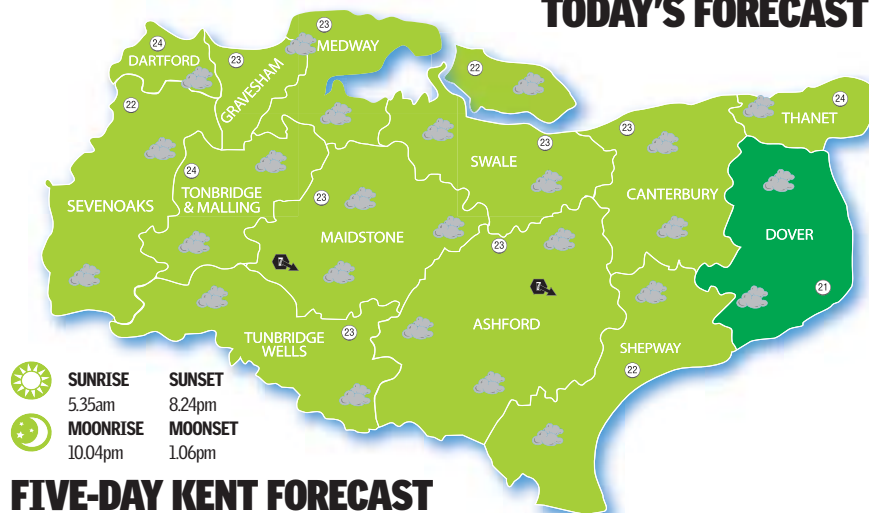
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| | Sunday | 7:19am | 6.0m |
| Ramsgate | Saturday | 6:21am | 4.2m |
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| Sheerness | Saturday | 7:24am | 4.9m |
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Funding to kick-start construction projects

EMPTY building sites on the Channel coast could come to life again through a new Government scheme set to breathe life into the ailing construction industry.

Developers of 85 new homes in Cannon Street, Deal, and 97 in Westmount, Dover, are in with a chance of receiving vital funding to help push the projects through.

They are two of 26 developments across the South East short-listed for a share of £109 million as part of the new Government-led Kickstart programme.

It aims to help the construction industry after it was hit by the economic downturn and kick-start building that had stalled as a result.

Boost

South East regional minister Jonathan Shaw welcomed the cash boost.

He said: "This Kickstart funding will create jobs and significantly get the construction industry moving."

"The construction business has been one of the worst-hit during the recession. This cash will ensure building sites start moving again."

"A significant proportion of the homes will be affordable housing, which is a real priority for residents in the region."

Each project in the short list was identified by the Homes and Communities Agency through the Kickstart programme.

A final assessment will now go ahead to see which ones are given the green light.

But housing minister John Healey said the funding was not a handout to developers.

"There are tough terms to this deal, including repayment of loans within five years, and only builders who accept realistic current market prices for their land are eligible," he said.

"I want to see builders back on these sites within weeks, so I will be calling on successful developers to pull out all the stops so construction can restart as quickly as possible."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

ROYSTON ROBERTSON



Q How did you get into drawing cartoons?

A Like most cartoonists, it's something I've done since I was a child. Cartooning has always been there. About 12 years ago I started sending gag cartoons to magazines on an on-spec basis and managed to get published fairly regularly. Then I set up a portfolio website and an online blog and began getting commissioned work. Five years ago I gave up the day job and became a full-time freelancer.

Q Where do you get your inspiration?

A This is almost the dreaded 'Where do you get your ideas from?' question. To which I usually reply 'Belgium'. But I'll try to give a sensible answer. The inspiration is all around us. It's in things people say and do, items on the TV or papers, new buzz-words and so on.

Q Where are your cartoons featured?

A They can be seen in magazines here and abroad in publications such as Private Eye, Reader's Digest and The Spectator. I've worked for BBC Magazines, Oxford University Press, Channel 4 News and the Green Party, among others. The most unusual commission I've ever had was the request to come up with six cartoons on the subject of "anaerobic digestion". That's the process of turning waste into biofuels. A tricky one, but I managed it.

Q Tell us a little bit about your background

A I'm from Catterick in North Yorkshire. I'm 41 and now live in Broadstairs with my wife and two young children. We moved to the area from London five years ago. I was a journalist there for 10 years. It was a great job, but I was selling cartoons in my spare time and knew I really wanted to do that as a career. Not the most sensible of moves financially because freelancing is always precarious, but cartooning scores high in job satisfaction.

Q What keeps you in Thanet, when London must be a more convenient location?

A Not really, you can work anywhere as a cartoonist because commissions come via the internet and cartoons can be delivered by email. A lot of cartoon-related events take place in London, though, so I'd be lying if I said living in Broadstairs is never an inconvenience, especially when you get the midnight train home and hear those three words that send terror through your soul: 'replacement bus service'. But being at the beach-hut with an ice-cream from Morelli's makes up for it.

Q Who are your heroes?

A I'm not sure I have heroes as such. There's always a risk that they'll let you down. I am, however, a fan of the mini chocolate bars of the same name.

Q Where do you see yourself in five years?

A Hopefully selling more cartoons and not worrying about working in a recession. A regular slot in a high-profile newspaper is the dream. I'll also be on the telly later this year as part of a team from the Professional Cartoonists' Organisation who will be challenging the quiz experts on BBC2's Eggheads.

• To see Royston's work, you can visit roystonrobertson.co.uk or read his blog at roystonrobertson.blogspot.com



Q&A

Royston Robertson, a professional cartoonist living in Broadstairs, talks to **Tom Betts** about his love of chocolate and ice-cream, his dislike of public transport and his experience of anaerobic digestion...

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She's got the galaxy at her feet

Pageant winner Catriona explains how brains can come with the beauty



POSITIVE: Catriona wants to encourage others to follow their dreams

MISS Kent Galaxy winner Catriona Robson has made it her mission to dispel the negative stereotypes associated with beauty pageants.

The 21-year-old from Ashford is studying for a bachelor's degree in international relations through the Open University and told KOS Media that she thought such competitions help empower women.

She said: "Having met a lot of beauty contestants, I think people would be surprised to find that most of them either have degrees or are halfway through their university courses, and are often incredible businesswomen with amazing leadership skills."

"The women in these competitions want to show themselves as leaders and have to show a great deal of determination and self-discipline to get into the finals. Quite often they represent worthwhile causes and charities, and devote their lives to helping others."

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

"I did not have any misgivings on entering this pageant and judge it as an incredible once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I should make the most of, and I encourage others to do the same."

Florida

Crowned Miss Kent Galaxy at a ceremony late last month, former Highworth Grammar School pupil Catriona will now compete for the title of Miss UK Galaxy in March.

Should she be victorious again, she will go on to the Miss Galaxy International event to be staged in Miami, Florida.

As well as challenging the myth that beauty comes before brains at such competitions, Catriona said she also wanted to prove that participants did not need to be a certain body-shape to stand a chance of winning.

She said: "I am not the generic size-zero model and I am determined to represent the

curvaceous and intelligent women of this country and prove that beauty should be judged not only on your looks but by your personality, your intelligence and your actions in life."

"For as long as I can remember I have had so much drive and so many ambitions that it is sometimes hard to imagine being able to fulfil them all in a lifetime. However, I have an incredibly positive attitude and approach each day as a gift."

"This attitude allows me to make the most of all the opportunities out there and to live my life to the full along with helping others to do so also."

"I really feel I can make a difference with my title as Miss Kent Galaxy and encourage other aspiring individuals to be confident and follow their dreams."

Part of Catriona's role as Miss Kent Galaxy is to make appearances at all types of events throughout the county.

Email misskentgalaxy2010@yahoo.co.uk to book her.

Click on to celebrity chef recipes with a local flavour

CELEBRITY chef Richard Phillips has launched a new internet television show to demonstrate how the county's finest produce can be best utilised.

The six-part Made in Great Britain series offers hints and tips to aspiring cooks and is available to download for free at www.pod3.tv.

Mr Phillips, who stars in the current ITV1 series Daily Cooks Challenge, told KOS Media that internet television was the way forward.

He said: "It's TV at any time that you can watch wherever and whenever

you want to, and that lends itself very well to cookery shows."

"People can pause and rewind as they follow along to the recipes on their laptops."

"I still have one more episode to film, but I'm very pleased with how the series has turned out so far."

Among the locations filmed for Made in Great Britain were a potato farm in Tenterden and a flour mill in Canterbury.

Mr Phillips, a keen supporter of KOS Media's Food for Kent campaign, also

spent time picking Kentish apples and mushrooms, while also travelling further afield to Rye, East Sussex, where boats sailed in with fresh supplies of scallops.

He said: "I think it's important to support the local economy and local farmers because we all need to stick together, especially during these tough times."

"Using local produce seems to be something that's in fashion, but I've been doing it at my restaurants for the last nine years, so it's nothing new to

me. Having said that, I won't go local just for the sake of it. The produce still needs to be of a high quality because if it isn't then I have no problem looking elsewhere."

Mr Phillips owns three restaurants in Kent - Thackeray's in Tunbridge Wells, Hengist in Aylesford and Richard Phillips at Chapel Down, Tenterden.

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'We'll keep wonder carp safe from nuts'

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

AS Britain's fishermen mourn the death of Benson the common carp, the country's biggest carp of all is thriving in a Kent lake.

Weighing in at a hefty 67lb 14oz, Two Tone, as the mirror carp is known, continues to grow at Conningbrook Lake in Willesborough.

The world of angling has gone into shock after it emerged that Benson – who at 64lb 2oz was the country's largest common carp – was possibly killed by the use of nuts as bait, which is as good as a lethal poison to carp.

There is no such danger that Two Tone will meet a similar fate, said Chris Logsdon, the fisheries manager for Mid Kent Fisheries.

He said: "Just 75 people a year are allowed to fish the Ashford lake Two Tone is in, and they have been monitored for about a year to ensure they are proper anglers before we allow them on there."

He said only those who are fanatical about the sport were allowed near the lake, and several of them had still not managed to hook Two Tone, despite years of trying.

Chris, who runs 29 lakes in the South



CATCH OF THE DAY: Two Tone the fish is well protected after the shock death of Benson, another large carp

East, said: "Some of them are spending thousands of pounds on their equipment in the hope of getting the big one."

"But there's about 30 acres of water and just 30 fish in there, so catching Two Tone is tough."

"He has been hooked a few times, but he is good at not being caught, which just ramps up the challenge."

"There is a lot of competition among them to catch the biggest and best fish, and so some of the fish become well known."

"One guy has been trying to catch Two Tone for 15 years."

Benson died in what is called a day-ticket fishery, which means that anyone is allowed to take a chance at catching him.

Chris said: "We don't run things like that here. There are very strict controls and we don't let just anyone fish here."

"They need to be proper anglers who know what they are doing."

"It preserves the environment and it keeps the fish in good condition. That is just the way I run things. The fish need to be protected."

"I am a chartered environmentalist and have been doing this for 30 years, and that's why we have a good name around the country."

"The cost of a 30lb carp is around £3,500, so this is big business."

"If you don't have a fish of 30lb, no one is interested in fishing that lake. They only put on about two pounds a year. To have Two Tone, who is about 30 years old, is a bit of a freak of nature."

Stay healthy and safe this summer

HEALTH bosses have launched a campaign to help people have fun and stay healthy during this summer.

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent said that after last summer more than 2,500 sexually transmitted infections (STIs) were diagnosed in the area.

In a bid to ensure travellers don't bring back an unwanted souvenir from their summer holidays,

top tips include buying a pack of condoms in addition to your normal contraception and keeping them away from oil-based products such as sun lotion, baby oil and lipstick.

As well as advice about protecting yourself from STIs, the campaign also focuses on staying safe in the sun.

The PCT said skin cancer was one of the most common cancers in the UK and some 1,700 people were being treated for malignant melanoma and other skin cancers in east Kent.

Advice is to use sunblocks or sunscreens of at least factor 15, ensure children are protected with factor 30 and babies with 50-plus.

By using the NHS Choices website when dealing with health issues such as sunburn and wasp stings (www.nhs.co.uk), or by calling NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 you can receive the health advice you need 24 hours a day, Ms Andrews said.

The full 50 summer health tips can be found at www.easternandcoastalkent.nhs.uk. For further advice, you can go to www.nhs.uk or call NHS direct on 0845 4647.



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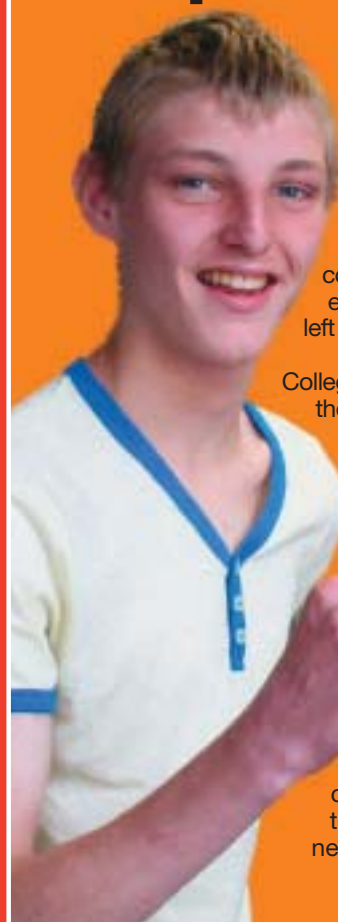
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"I hit it off straight away. There is such a good atmosphere, it's a very good group, I love it and I've learned lots. At College we get involved in all kinds of sports. Age or abilities don't matter. People mix and it's something I really like".

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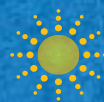
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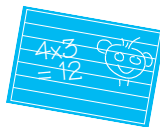
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Pioneering diploma course offers alternative to A-levels for college learners

BY MARIJKE COX

A COLLEGE in Dover has become one of the first in Britain to see its diploma students offered places at university.

Officials at South Kent College have signed a progression agreement with the University of Kent, ensuring that when students finish their course next July they can go onto further education.

Previously, learners hoping to go on to university have needed A-levels, but in September the college introduced a new advanced diploma in society, health and development as an alternative.

Although there are progression agreements being signed between colleges and universities across the country, South Kent College is the first to feature the diploma.

Students on the course at the Dover campus praised the scheme, with some already planning their futures in careers including nursing and midwifery.

Sian Barton, 18, a first-year student on the course, said: "I did a year of A-levels and didn't enjoy it at all.

"I know I want to work with people, maybe social work or in the police, and this is a good course because there's such a variety of subjects."

The new diplomas were designed to help meet the skills shortage in the health and care sector and are a mix of academic and vocational qualifications, alongside GCSEs and A-levels.

A formal signing was held at the Dover campus by principal Monica Box and Paul Cambridge, admissions tutor from the University of Kent.

Nikki Paine, learning manager for health



SIGN HERE: South Kent College principal Monica Box with Paul Cambridge of the University of Kent

and care at the college, said the signing of the progression agreement was a significant step for the new diploma as an alternative to A-levels.

"These diplomas are entirely based on case studies that show students exactly how methods in their textbooks are applied in real life.

"Diplomas were brought in because employers felt other qualifications didn't prepare young people for the realities of the workplace."

The course is made up of compulsory and optional subjects related to the chosen sector.

Students also continue with English, maths and ICT.

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Agreement opens path to university

BREAK TIME

Is Regatta stylist Tara the hair apparent?



STYLE: Tara Berry

A TALENTED hairdresser from Dover has been nominated for the Student of the Year awards at Canterbury College.

Tara Berry, 19, has worked for the Regatta salon at the Churchill Hotel on the seafront since it was opened by Gillian Smissen in 2006.

She has since completed her qualifications in advanced hairdressing. For the awards, Tara has submitted three different styles using Dover girl Saskia Wadsworth-Smith, Princess of Kent 2009, as her model, with photographer Alexa Kelly helping put together a portfolio.

The results of all the finalists will be announced later this month and the winner will go on to compete at the L'Oréal Academy in London.

The grand final is being held at Salon International in the Excel London in October.

Tara works full-time at the salon and for the month of August will be having introductory offers for new clients.

The Regatta salon's hair show is being organised for January 2010 with proceeds going to a muscular dystrophy charity. For more details, visit www.regattahairsalon.co.uk.

La Salle Verte calls the tune on Sundays

THE owners of a Dover café are appealing to local schools for talented musicians to play at their new Sunday sessions.

Haydn and Diane Billson aim to keep the community spirit alive at La Salle Verte, which they opened two years ago, by inviting music students to show off their skills.

The café has already become a music hotspot with local acts performing each month. Haydn said: "We decided to open on Sundays between 10am and 3pm because

there's a need for it. We then thought it would be good to link up with schools in and around Dover to see if any pupils would like to play here.

"The music nights have really taken off, so it would be great to offer something to customers on a Sunday as well."

Music students of grade five and above are being sought. Schools interested in getting involved can phone La Salle Verte on 01304 201547.

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This week's writer loves his footy, but even he says you can have too much of a good thing

High time football overload was finally kicked into touch

THE Gills have already had their first game of the season and so have Chelsea and Manchester United.

Now the whole Premier League bandwagon is set to steamroller over everything for what seems like an eternity.

And following that is a World Cup next summer which will ensure that no other sport gets a mention in the newspapers or on television.

We haven't even finished the Ashes yet and already the new season is upon us.

The Met Office is forecasting a good end to the summer, so the long-awaited barbecue season might finally be arriving.

But because of the football nothing else will matter for the next ten months or so.

Am I the only one to get fed up that it dominates everything so much?

It's just that we really do see too much of it and a lot of it is not very good, no matter what the presenters who hype it up on the box may say.

Sky is the worst, with must-see games often including the likes of Fulham versus Wigan and Bolton against Blackburn.

Setanta showed there was too much football on show. It went to the wall by offering mediocre games of interest only to the supporters of the clubs concerned.

When a game has got as big as football has, it is impossible to enjoy it fully... unless you are someone who believes that football is the only thing in life that matters and can't bear to wait out the summer.

It seems the game becomes more and more powerful every year and that is something that not even the most rabid fan wants.

To turn the clock back to happier days, it used to be such a joy when the season came around.

The FA Cup Final at Wembley would be quite a distant memory and even though transfers were nothing like as involved and high-profile as they are now, there would always be a new face or two to make things interesting.

A short pre-season and a few low-key games against lower-division opponents – no World Football Series, Peace Cup or Asia Premiership Challenge – then it was off.

And it was exciting because it had a bit of a novelty factor.

The games were starting in the autumn, we knew winter would sort out a few key issues and then would come the run-in through spring as the FA Cup gained momentum. It all had a pleasing pattern and symmetry to it.

You enjoyed it because it had to be sought out – live games were few and far between on TV, so if you wanted the atmosphere then you had to go.

Matches started at the end of August and finished in May – that was enough for everyone.

Now it is too much for anyone.

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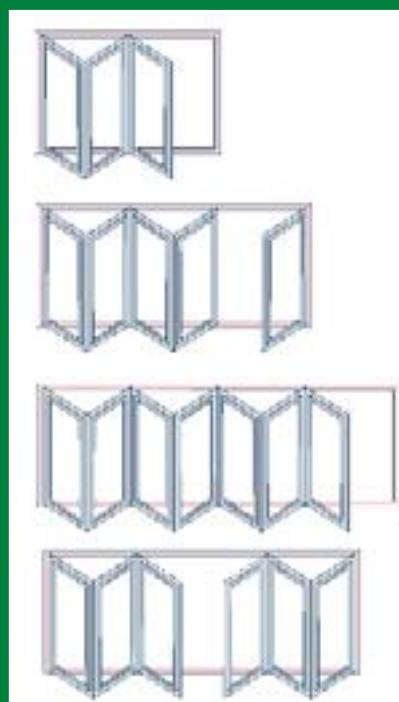
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Abbeygail

With a father in the fire services, and a grand-father who was a paramedic, Abbeygail's dream is to work in the Public Services. So the BTEC Certificate in Public Services was a logical choice for her. Abbeygail is really enjoying her two-year course which is equivalent to A-Levels, much preferring the unit-based structure and continuous assessment to the pressure of end-of-year exams.



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In her second year of BTEC, Abbeygail plans to send an application to the RAF as she has set her mind on becoming an air traffic control officer.

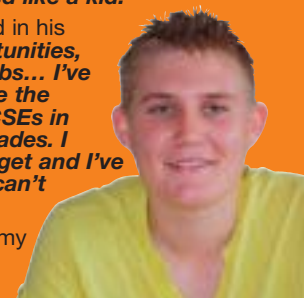
Callum

After GCSEs Callum enrolled on the Level 1 Diploma in Public Services in Folkestone.

"When I was at school, I wanted to join the Police. That's why I decided to study Public Services. At College, you make so many good friends. We do a lot of team-building activities such as paint-balling and college challenges and trips such as visiting the army barracks. Tutors are really nice and help you with your work. You work hard but you can have a laugh. It's so much better than school where you are treated like a kid."

Callum likes the variety of subjects studied in his course. *"We study fitness, career opportunities, how to eat healthily, how to apply for jobs... I've enjoyed all units, though I especially like the fitness side. I have also re-taken my GCSEs in English and maths and improved my grades. I want to get the best qualification I can get and I've enjoyed my time at College so much, I can't wait for the next course."*

Ultimately, Callum would like to join the army and train as a royal engineer.



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Becky, 18

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Although slightly shorter than

last year's mammoth battle between Federer and Rafael Nadal, this year's match took on similarly epic proportions.

For much of the game, it seemed that Roddick would emulate Nadal's feat as he hammered away at his opponent. Federer wavered a few times, but never toppled and in the end won on merit.

As the match went on, the records began to tumble; the most games ever played in a men's singles Wimbledon final, beating last year's 62 and the most games in a set of a men's final at the All England club.

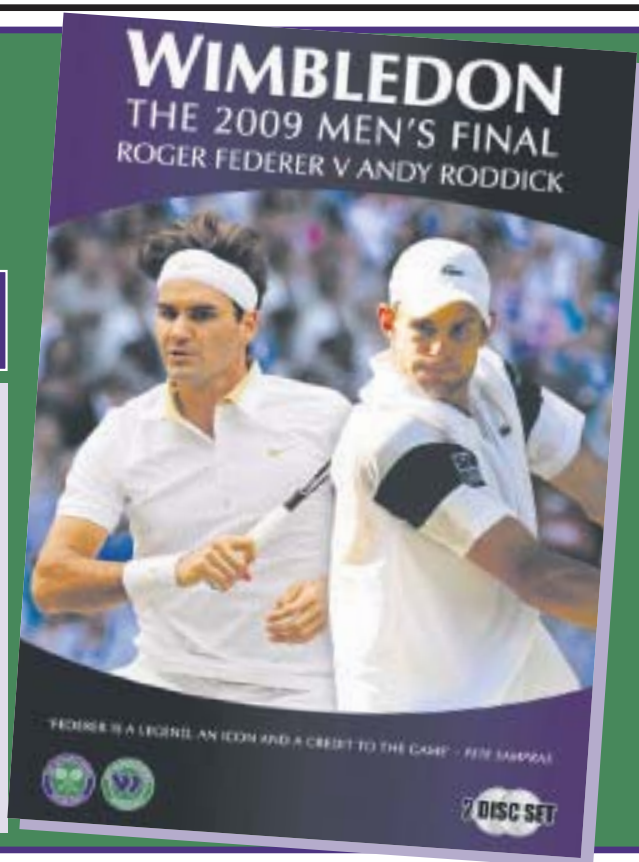
Also, Federer's ace count passed the 50 mark and then, finally, it was Roddick who cracked in the 30th game of the set.

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TALK TIME

SEZEN ZEKI

The business development executive at Channel Chamber of Commerce talks about her work



Tell us a little about yourself

I was born in northern Cyprus and educated in the UK. I have worked in different industries including publishing and advertising in London, did a stint abroad for a tour operator and was a manager at the Leas Cliff Hall.

How did you become involved in the chamber?

At the Leas Cliff Hall I worked with the Channel Chamber as a client and saw first-hand the enormous variety of events organised. When the position of membership sales coordinator came up, I jumped at it.

How well equipped do you think Channel coast firms are to combat the recession?

Members of trade associations like ours have access to support, information and training. They can network and work together to ensure success, even in a recession. Other businesses may find it more difficult in isolation.

Is the Government doing enough to support business?

No. We would like less red tape, a cut in taxes and over-heads and a relaxation of onerous legislation, which would enable our businesses to get on with the job of making money, selling products and providing jobs.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy eating out, socialising and reading. I love music and enjoy going to concerts. I also like travelling and experiencing new cultures. And I'm a shopaholic.

Tell us something people don't know about you

I find politics fascinating.

YOUR LETTERS

A258: the problem is poor driving

I would like to congratulate the local authorities on the measures put in place to improve safety on the A258 from Deal to Dover.

However, I do not think they go far enough.

I would suggest the speed limit be reduced to 40mph, and while I am of the opinion that the measures put in are justified, it took several fatal accidents and a campaign by the public to make the council take action.

I would suggest rumble-strips be laid to add to the measures already taken to persuade motorists to curb their speed on this road.

Yes, vegetation obscuring road-signs could be cut back regularly, but I take the view that the safety or otherwise of this road is in the hands of the motorists, or perhaps that should be their feet.

Bad workmen blame their tools and drivers are to blame for the accidents on this road, by driving too fast, without due care, attention and concern for other road-users.

John Gamet, Keston

Turf wars or not, drugs are illegal

Last week's blog on the unsavoury drug trade seemed to miss the point entirely.

Trading in drugs is illegal and those who do so are criminals.

Whether prosecuting them would result in a turf war and

someone worse would take over as a sort of godfather is immaterial. It's typical of the way people seem to avoid tackling issues head-on that there is even a debate about this.

Selling drugs is against the law. And that should be the end of the matter.

Alan Bryant, by email

We must prepare for post-oil world

Peak Oil – the highest level of oil production the world will ever achieve – has been expected to occur between 2006-16, according to research.

Since our public services and private sector in Kent and Medway are still heavily dependent upon oil, this is bad news for both in relation to coming out of recession.

Now the International Energy Agency, which has been highly optimistic about global oil supplies, has issued its most pessimistic report ever.

It expects serious problems with oil supply and prices over the next five years. Public services, already between the rock of inadequate funding and the hard place of Government demands for more cuts, must cut use of oil as quickly as possible.

The private sector, hoping for a quick return to profitability as recession recedes, is in much the same position.

So far, many high-street businesses have weathered the recession, but empty shop-fronts are increasing.

New investment in energy efficiency and renewables is necessary to help lower long-term energy costs and keep up

levels of employment.

But such efforts depend on how far households control energy and fuel bills, allowing them more flexibility in spending with local businesses.

Energy-inefficient households will experience rapidly rising costs for household heating and car use. The goal of responding positively to these challenges must include the realisation that better energy use is going to help maintain employment.

So far, Kent Green Party does not see sufficient urgency among private- and public-sector leaders threatening us all with a longer, deeper recession.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party



Michelle's story is relevant to us all

Last week's story about Michelle Borrett and her battle with cancer has moved me to write to remind people that the charities which support the fight against this disease are some of the most worthwhile in the country.

I know there is a recession and times have become increasingly hard for everyone, but it is still up to people to do their bit to support those who raise funds for medical research.

They are feeling the pinch, too, as many businesses which support worthwhile causes link their giving to profits. When these are down, so, unfortunately, are donations.

So stories such as the one carried last week are a good reminder of how much support is needed from people for good causes.

Ian Braithwaite, by email

Ban the thugs, not decent pint glasses

News that more plastic cups are to be issued by publicans worried about the rise in attacks using glass objects is yet another blow for the vast majority.

Most pub-goers don't go around using receptacles as offensive weapons.

So why should they have to make do with plastic cups, which split at the slightest amount of pressure and make everything taste worse.

Ban violent drinkers, not decent pint glasses.

Terry Hawkins, by email

Kent batsmen did the county proud

What an excellent batting display put up by Kent in their match against Derbyshire.

A total of 300-plus on the last day – and not all of that – was really an excellent achievement, even if things weren't so great against Middlesex.

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Carl Brooker, by email

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It's decision time for hare-coursing in Ireland. This is the month when, traditionally, the Minister for the Environment decides whether or not to allow another season of this legalised cruelty.

His decision will relate specifically to the granting of a licence to the country's coursing clubs allowing them to capture hares for use as live bait in coursing.

If, as in previous years, the Department of the Environment opts to authorise the hare-netting, coursing events will again be staged from the end of September.

At these, the hares will be forced to run from greyhounds in large wired enclosures, to escape through a narrow hatch... or be mauled, injured, killed, or tossed about like broken dolls – all for the purpose of fun and gambling.

Many of the targeted hares will never see coursing day.

They will die of injuries sustained while being netted or in the course of the unnatural captivity to which they are subjected.

If, however, the minister withholds the hare-netting licence, there can be no coursing. Without hares to course, the baiting events would have to be cancelled.

There are two factors that offer a glimmer of hope to the long-suffering hare. The first is the obvious fact that the Minister for

the Environment, John Gormley, is leader of a party pledged to banning hare-coursing.

The second factor is the Irish government's official acceptance that the Irish Hare is now an endangered species.

Hunting and coursing increase the mounting pressure on this gentle and inoffensive creature.

We appeal to anyone who shares our view of hare-coursing to email the Irish Minister for the Environment, Mr Gormley, asking him to ban this horrible bloodsport. Please send your messages to minister@environ.ie.

John Fitzgerald

Campaign for the Abolition of Cruel Sports

Will-power could aid fight against cancer

Readers with new children or grandchildren might feel that now is a good time to make sure their finances are in order.

Making or updating your will is a big part of this, as it can be a reassuring way of planning a secure future for your new loved ones.

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Chris Stevens

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Join us in the war against meningitis

As a patron of Meningitis UK, I'm writing to mark its tenth anniversary.

The charity and its loyal supporters have raised a fantastic £4.7 million towards life-saving research into finding a vaccine for this devastating disease.

I got involved with the meningitis cause after my son Andrew, then 24, almost died after falling ill with the virus. Thankfully, he recovered fully.

We were lucky, but each year in the UK about 300 of the 3,000 people affected by meningitis die.

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Denis Law, patron for Meningitis UK and former European Footballer of the Year

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Living like a god in sunny Cyprus

BY KATIE HODGE

FROM the moment I touched down in southern Cyprus, I was whisked into another realm.

I was off to cavort with the gods – in a junior suite at The Amathus, a hotel perched on the seafront and a stone's throw from the centre of old-town Paphos.

My room was palatial, with beautiful marble bathroom, minimalist Manhattan-style decor and a private, floodlit plunge-pool.

A welcoming – and welcome – bottle of champagne set the tone, and a sophisticated bunch of flowers brought some Cypriot warmth to the room.

I began my days like any self-respecting Goddess: indulgently. Breakfast on the sun-drenched terrace was, predictably, a feast from the heavens.

On the first morning I opted for American pancakes with maple syrup and wafer-thin bacon. And I would have stopped there, only I spotted the cereal bar.

But gods must concern themselves with higher matters, and leaving gastronomic delights behind me I made my way deeper into the ancient world.

UNESCO has recently added the whole town of Paphos to its World Heritage list, and not without reason.

Once the island's capital, Paphos is now famous for the remains of the Roman governor's palace, with its strikingly well-preserved mosaics of times long past.

Wandering around these ruins opens a door into another world, bringing history sharply into focus and leaving the wide-eyed explorer feeling humbled.

Cyprus, the third-largest Mediterranean



TIMES GONE BY: Paphos Castle is just one the many famous remains to be found dotted around the island of Cyprus

island, is at the crossroads of three continents.

The geographical position has, since antiquity, played an important part in its turbulent history, while the influences of Africa, Asia and Europe abound.

At my first stop, the Tombs of the Kings, I felt like I'd been dropped on to the set of some epic fantasy film. The large necropolis, lying just over a mile north-west of Paphos Harbour and carved out of solid rock, dates back to the Hellenistic and early Roman periods.

Named due to their magnificence, the tombs are open to all and are remarkably untouched – a lack of tourist barriers means visitors can wander at leisure into the caverns, seemingly discovering them for the first time.

Moving further inland, you can visit prehistoric settlements, Greek temples, Roman theatres, Byzantine churches and monasteries.

Tranquil villages are scattered over inland regions, dotted with churches where old traditions and customs have been kept alive. Those wanting a complete picture of the island need to allow for a longer visit than the few days I had.

One trip to the lesser-developed area of Polis in the south was well worth a couple of hours on the road. Nestling in the Mediterranean landscape, the Saint Neophytos Monastery and the Egkleistra – a small cave carved out of the rock face by a hermit in the 12th century – were also must-sees.

Is it possible to have too much of the sights and sounds of Cyprus? Not in three days, and probably not in three lifetimes – this is when it helps to be immortal.

Unfortunately for me, I had a flight to catch: I wasn't born a goddess, after all.

FACT FILE: CYPRUS

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| Time difference | + Three hours (GMT) |
| Capital | Nicosia |
| Language | Greek and Turkish |
| Population | Approx 1 million |
| Currency | £1 equals about 1.2 euros |
| Religion | Greek Orthodox, Muslim |
| Climate | Mediterranean |

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The fun starts at 9.30pm with the teddy bears' picnic at Lillyputt Mini Golf, followed by King Neptune's dramatic rise from the sea at 10am.

Other attractions include a sandcastle competition, organised beach games, volleyball and Beach Connect Four.

This year's Best Dressed Beach Hut competition has a Viking theme to mark the 60th anniversary of the landing of the Hugin longship at Broadstairs.

There is even more excitement on



offer this year as two popular events from the past return to amuse the crowds. Spectators will witness a ferocious battle on the high seas as competitors face each other in the Millers and Sweeps Raft Race. Will the Millers win the day with their missiles comprising flour bags, or

will the Sweeps reign supreme with their flying bags of soot?

Anyone who would like to get involved in the raft race should phone the harbour master, Andy Wood, on 07847 473615.

The other reinstated event is the greasy-pole knockout, which will see people struggling to stay on the pole while battling an opponent.

There will be prizes on offer for both the adult and children's categories, but competitors are warned that they will get wet. If anyone thinks they are up to the challenge, they should speak to the lifeguards on the day to enter.

Swimmers are invited to take part in the sponsored swim from Ramsgate to Broadstairs. Find out how to take part by calling Neil Morgan on 07812 991445.

During the day, there will be entertainment on the bandstand, followed by a live band in the evening. Those who love to shop will have a ball browsing the craft and trade stalls and there will be refreshments on offer. This fun-packed day draws to a close at 10pm with a fireworks finale over Viking Bay.

For more information about the Broadstairs Water Gala, phone 01227 700894 or 07789 742828.



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THE WIZARD OF OZ

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Directed by Bob Osbourne and produced by Neil Hunnisett, the Kidz on Stage production boasts a cast and crew made up of

more than 120 local children who have experienced all aspects of a professional show, from acting and singing to make-up and stage design.

Tickets cost £10/£8 or £35 for families of four. To book, phone 0844 847 1776 or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

PRIVATE LIVES

Thursday, Saturday
and Sunday,
August 13, 15 and 16
Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs

TWO honeymoons collide with extraordinary results in Noël Coward's comedy of bad manners, Private Lives.

Having been divorced for five years, Elyot and Amanda are horrified to find they are sharing a terrace while on honeymoon with their respective new spouses.

When Amanda's husband and Elyot's wife refuse to leave the hotel, the pair are forced to tolerate each other, but they soon rediscover their feelings for each other and chaos ensues.

Coward wrote the play while travelling abroad and completed the first draft within a matter of days. He had imagined his long-time



friend Gertrude Lawrence starring as Amanda and the actress cleared her other commitments to make sure she could appear in the play.

Private Lives made its debut in Edinburgh with Coward, Lawrence, Adrienne Allen and Laurence

Olivier playing the couples.

The play is being staged as part of the summer repertory theatre season at the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club.

Tickets are priced from £9 to £12.50. To book, call 0845 262 6263 or see www.sarah-thorne-theatreclub.co.uk.



USO AIR DISPLAY AND HANGER DANCE

Saturday, August 15
USAAF Station 419, Woodchurch

STEP back in time and experience an authentic taste of wartime England at the USO Air Display and Hanger Dance.

Visitors will be transported back to 1944, where they will encounter an encampment of Second World War

military personnel and vehicles. Highlights will be the USO mobile canteen serving American favourites and a Second World War bar.

Other attractions include special guest appearances by Monty, General Patton, Viv the Spiv and others.

The field concert and entertainment gets under way at 3pm with performances by the Swingtime Sweethearts, tributes to Max Miller and Bud Flanagan, Dixieland jazz band

and many more. At 5.30pm, the spectacular P-51 fighter air display is sure to wow the crowds and admirers will be able to meet the pilot when the plane returns to the main hangar.

The dance is at 7.30pm in the hangar and will feature an array of great entertainment. Correct period dress, either civilian or military, must be worn. Tickets cost £15 in advance or £20 on the gate; phone 01233 860564 or see www.usoshows.com.

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Mixed Emotions keep music in the family

HUSBAND-and-wife duo Mixed Emotions will be bringing their chemistry to a pub in Dover this week.

The couple have been performing together for 18 years and they are now joined by their young son on drums. Find out at www.mixedemotionsworld.com.

Mixed Emotions will be appearing at the Three Cups Inn in Crabble Hill on Friday.

Hear all your favourite Heroes with tribute act

LEADING tribute band Heroes will be celebrating the best of new wave, mod and ska music this week.

The band play hits by the likes of The Jam and Blondie. They will be appearing at the Dublin Man O' War in Lower Road, River, on Friday.

For more about the band, see www.heroesnew.com. Phone the pub on 01304 822509 for more about the venue.

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Hop Farm weekenders pay tribute to industry's finest

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A HOST of the UK's top tribute acts will converge on the Hop Farm on Friday for the first of two back-to-back rock and pop weekenders.

The unique music festivals cover a range of genres from James Brown to Robbie Williams and Abba to Dolly Parton.

A Hop Farm spokesman said the venue was looking forward to welcoming dozens of *doppelgänger* to the Paddock Wood venue.

He said: "Music fans can experience a unique blend of camping and musical mayhem with some of the UK's top tribute acts this month at the Hop Farm."

"Having recently hosted numerous high-profile music and entertainment events, rock and pop weekends at the Hop Farm are a welcome addition to the fantastic events calendar for 2009."

"Featuring acts such as Amy Connolly from X-Factor, the renowned tribute kings the Merseybeat Legends and super-troupers Abba Arrival, along with Robbie [Williams], The Great Pretender, a Bootleg Blondie and many more besides, the respective weekends are set to be a full-on musical extravaganza."

Other acts on the bill include Kenny Rogers and a Brian May tribute duo.

Weekend tickets cost £35 for adults. Day tickets cost £15 for adults and £5 per child. A weekend family pass – consisting of two adults and two children – is priced at £85.

For more information, you can visit www.thehopfarm.co.uk.



TRIBUTE ACTS: 'Robbie Williams' and the Merseybeat Legends are just two of the acts coming to the Hop Farm

CONFIRMED LINE-UP

Friday and Saturday, August 14-15

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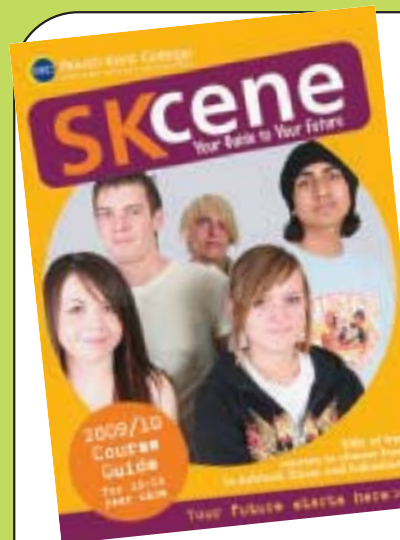
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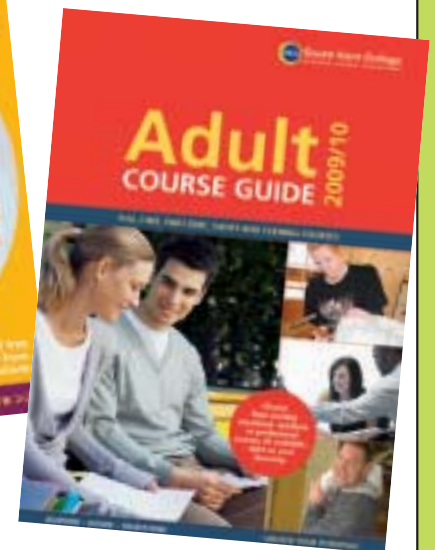
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

ECONOMY GASTRONOMY BBC Two, 8pm, Wednesday

SINCE the infernal credit crunch, economic downturn, financial slump, recession, or whatever you want to call the monetary hell many of us are going through began, the box has been full of shows telling us how to pinch pennies to navigate our way through the whole ruddy mess.

BBC Two has hopped on to the money-saving bandwagon, but instead of telling us to fill up our cars with chip-fat it is showing us how to make savings by really thinking about what goes in the oven and into the dark recesses of the freezer.

In Economy Gastronomy, professional chefs Allegra McEvedey and Paul Merrett put a 'shopping strategically' plan into place for the participating families.

It may all sound a bit silly and twee, until you look at the statistics.

On the first show of the run, the England family stuck to a new regime and ditched their two takeaways a week to make a little bit more effort with the food that disappears down their collective pie-holes.

It's all about meal-planning, say the experts, who dished out wallet-friendly recipes for things like macaroni cheese and chilli con carne with the enthusiasm of a wasp relishing the chance to ruin a barbecue.

All this is mixed in with tips on how to 'make something out of nothing' and making more of what you keep in the cupboards, such as not keeping your block of cheese wrapped in cling-film because it makes it go off quicker.

This is all a bit idealistic when you think about it.

We don't all have the time, or indeed the inclination, to plan our weekly trudge around Asda like a well-honed



EARNING THEIR STRIPES: Allegra McEvedey and Paul Merrett give money-saving advice

military operation, meaning this show initially comes across as a bit over the top.

However, the family saved themselves about £87 a week, or roughly £4,500 a year, by not deviating from their set course.

That's a new car, a couple of holidays, or about 1,500 pints a year – or 25 pints if you drink in London.

Not so funny now, is it?

If you can afford to carry on eating like a monarch, then all this is probably wasted on you, but I for one can't, and – whisper it – I think I actually learnt a little something.

So it's a man-sized vat of bulk-cooked macaroni cheese for my dinner for the foreseeable future.

Let the good times roll...

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU need to respect a loved one's boundaries. Yes, you're anxious to take this relationship further, but you have no respect for tradition. That's not necessarily a bad thing, but it does cause problems for your other half. Try seeing things from their point of view.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

A FINANCIAL setback is extremely frustrating. You'll need to stretch to make ends meet. Don't ask family for help or you could be disappointed. Relatives are either broke or not very generous. Fortunately, you're very resourceful. Take a promise with a grain of salt.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

FINANCIAL restrictions are driving you to distraction. You're tired of having to scrimp and save while everybody else seems to be able to buy what they want, when they want. Remember friends may look flush with cash, but are actually drowning in debt.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

LOVE and friendship don't always mix. Resist the urge to make a move on someone you have known for years. Although the initial encounter will be fun, you'll be filled with remorse afterwards. If you are in a relationship, you may be tempted to set up a friend on a blind date.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

SOMEONE'S refusal to acknowledge your anger will have explosive results. Stop trying to suppress your rage for the sake of peace. Until you get these feelings out in the open, they'll continue to fester. Stop attributing good motives to everyone you meet.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 21)

IT looks like family is standing in the way of your advancement. If you're going to make your dreams come true you need to break free from these confining relationships. That may mean moving into your own place, getting a job or cutting yourself off from some family members.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

DON'T give into an urge to undercut an authority figure's enthusiasm. Although their plans seem totally unrealistic, you should at least pretend to be supportive or your boss will turn you into a scapegoat. Beware of taking on too many jobs at work.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

SOMEONE near and dear to you is trying to push you into an undesirable arrangement. Your ambitions are different from theirs. It's time to set them straight, even at the risk of a temporary separation. In time, your friend will realise it is wrong to try to change you.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

NO matter how much you yell and scream a stubborn colleague won't change their ways. Friends have a way of going back on their promises this week. Ultimately, you are on your own. For the short-term future, you've got to summon every ounce of strength to perform the tasks ahead.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

DEPRESSION could be clouding your outlook. Stop giving into your worst fears. Even if you do meet with disappointment, it will be better than being held prisoner by fear. If you're attracted to someone make a play for their affections. You're more desirable than you realise.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

GIVING in to your worst fears is keeping you frozen in time. You need to venture out of your comfort zone, even at the risk of getting hurt. A pushy teacher or know-it-all professional could rub you the wrong way. Work out whether their provocative ways could motivate you.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

IT takes time to get experience. If you're going to make progress in your chosen profession you've got to pay your dues. Don't be afraid to take on the thankless tasks everyone else avoids. After doing a good job with these duties some better opportunities will come your way.

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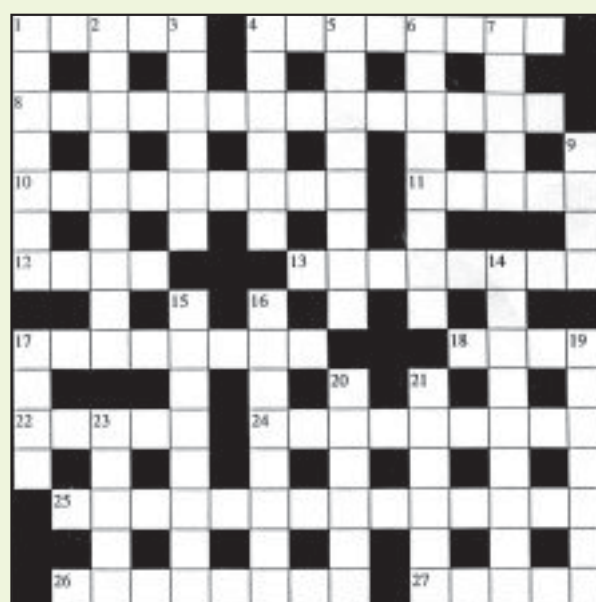
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- 1 Some women do withhold present (5)
 4 Any quip could be about inclusion of spiciness (8)
 8 Act like a fool? (4,10)
 10 Draw attention to stage illumination (9)
 11 Some dusty leggings in fashion (5)
 12 Nimble newt behind back of shed (4)
 13 Sledge to go bang crashing (8)
 17 Lever used to thump computer device (8)
 18 Doctor on satellite (4)
 22 Spicy cooking from tin about half junk (5)
 24 Cooked nine tarts – they're not lasting very long (9)
 25 One in Paris before thought it was spontaneous (14)
 26 Moisturising agent? (8)
 27 Void was not furnished (5)

DOWN

- 1 Barely visible (7)
 2 Monstrous insect? (9)
 3 Horse in ruse to move from side to side (6)
 4 Stars fail exam (6)
 5 Doubt the subject matter at issue (8)
 6 Antipathy with ravine so violent (8)
 7 Indian meal for groom (5)
 9 Medium base (4)
 14 Bird's favourite turn, it's a method of marching (5-4)
 15 The one who hoisted the flag came second (6-2)
 16 Mon? (8)
 17 Boot? What to do with it (4)
 19 Only Ted moved in a marked way (7)
 20 Gaz and Ernie trapped fish (6)
 21 Fly over East Street twice (6)
 23 Endlessly jaunty perhaps for Spanish council (5)

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- 1 Jewel (5)
 4 Excessive quantity of drugs (8)
 8 Exaggerated (6-4-4)
 10 Aide (9)
 11 Fad (5)
 12 Furnace (4)
 13 Weak area (4,4)
 17 Namedrop (anag.) (8)
 18 Rubbish (4)
 22 Gauge (5)
 24 Nervous pain (9)
 25 Plainsong (9,5)
 26 Person of importance (8)
 27 Different one (5)

DOWN

- 1 Fortification (7)
 2 Ancient holy city (9)
 3 Discomfort (6)
 4 Proscribe (6)
 5 Extortion (8)
 6 Fragile (8)
 7 Bulgarian capital (5)
 9 Warmth (4)
 14 Separate item of news (9)
 15 Secret love affair (8)
 16 ___ da Vinci (8)
 17 Cougar (4)
 19 Agricultural vehicle (7)
 20 Nauseous (6)
 21 A cough (anag.) (6)
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With the evil Voldemort on the rise, the students at Hogwarts have to be ever-more vigilant about who is among them.

BRÜNO (18)



Sacha Baron Cohen adopts the role of gay, crass, insolent fashionista Bruno from Austria, who tours the US looking to set up unsuspecting locals with his outrageous brand of 'interviewing'.

THE PRIVATE LIVES OF PIPPA LEE (15)



Robin Wright Penn stars as Pippa Lee, a woman heading for a mental breakdown after moving to a retirement village with her older husband, and subsequently has an affair with her friend's son.

Sienna is no stranger to the role of femme fatale

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

FROM the on-off engagement to Jude Law, to the rumoured romance with father-of-four Balthazar Getty, via the lovelorn Welsh actor Rhys Ifans who proposed three times, it feels like we know more about Sienna Miller's relationship credentials than her acting ones.

It's a fact that hasn't bypassed the 27-year-old actress, who's more than aware of the impact her public break-up with Law in 2005 had on her career.

It set the tone for her life in the world's spotlight. Incessantly hounded by the paparazzi, Sienna hit back and has won numerous legal battles against newspapers and photo agencies in an attempt to protect her privacy.

"Yes, being on the cover of a magazine appeals to studios. But it plays against your work. A lot of people still feel I'm not a proper actress," she said of the Press intrusion in an interview last year.

In the same interview, she admitted being "a people-pleaser" who needed to learn to censor herself.

Fast-forward to 2009, and talking to the actress about her latest role as The Baroness in *GI Joe: The Rise Of Cobra*, it's clear Sienna has indeed toughened up. Even in vertiginous heels, Sienna makes a petite figure, more 'pretty girl groomed' than intimidatingly stunning; it's her wide, open smile that's the movie-star give-away. "I'm a good coper" is what she will say on being tabloid fodder. "I'm a happy person and I've got a great, fortunate life and I'm really just generally happy."

Sienna and her fellow cast members, includ-



FIGHTER: Miller plays the role of The Baroness in *GI Joe*

ing Dennis Quaid and Channing Tatum, are in London on the second stop of a worldwide tour to promote the much-anticipated summer blockbuster *GI Joe: The Rise Of Cobra*.

Based on the characters of the comic book, animated series and *GI Joe* action figure, this is Sienna's first big-budget Hollywood movie.

"Initially, I was really intimidated because it was a crew of a thousand," she says. "But I quickly adapted and it was so much fun, it was a really, really cool experience."

Plus she gets to play femme fatale and all-round kick-ass villain The Baroness.

Sienna has been quietly growing critical

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acclaim for her performances in small, independent movies such as *The Edge Of Love* where she played Dylan Thomas's wife Caitlin opposite Keira Knightley and her stellar performance as Edie Sedgwick in *Factory Girl*.

All the *GI Joe* cast have signed up for another two movies, as long as this one is a box-office success, although Sienna is adamant that there's no move to Hollywood in the pipeline.

"I'm staying at home, I can't leave London. It's great because I get to travel a lot with work, but it'll always be my home here," she says.

This autumn she will indeed be hopping over the Atlantic to star in the Broadway play *After Miss Julie*, alongside Johnny Lee Miller.

Before that, though, "it's a case of getting through the promotion of this".

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PROPERTY NEWS

£925m plan to restart development projects

THE Government has announced a £925 million initiative that could allow work to recommence on 270 stalled development projects across England.

According to the Housing Minister John Healey, the scheme could get building work on 22,400 homes back on track and create 20,000 jobs.

Every region already has projects shortlisted under the Kickstart Programme, which forms part of Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Housing Pledge.

More than 8,600 of the homes created by the scheme will be for affordable rent or sale, with two-thirds built to a standard above building regulations, in an attempt to cut CO2 emissions and reduce energy bills for the families that live in them.

More than a third of the funding will go to housing associations and slightly under one-fifth to support developers in the form of direct grants, but only where firms cannot obtain finance from other sources.

In addition, the Government expects almost half the money to be repaid within five years.

'Change of use' law not top news for landlords

LANDLORDS already having to cope with legislation surrounding the rental market may find themselves hit with extra costs and work if Government proposals come into force.

The housing market downturn has led to a proliferation of landlords who have arrived in the sector almost by default as homeowners who need to relocate, but are unable to sell, turn to the rental market for a solution.

According to experts, ministers are proposing changes that will affect houses in multiple occupation, such as student accommodation.

One is that a 'change of use' under planning law could be required if the number of people occupying a rental property exceeds three unrelated individuals.

The cost of obtaining the consent, plus the risk of a void period cropping up during the process, could therefore add to the burden of both amateur and professional landlords.

The Residential Landlords Association has said it will fight the changes, which are aimed at preventing residential areas in certain cities becoming predominantly occupied by students.



Refusal to lend holds up property sector's revival

■ BY NICK AMES

PROPERTY lending reached a 14-month high in June, but is still far below traditionally normal levels, according to the latest figures revealed by Bank of England.

And economic experts say the lack of finances available to would-be homebuyers is holding back the recovery in the market.

The bank said mortgage approvals were up 35.2 per cent on June last year at 47,584, but this figure represented only about half the previous average figure of 93,400 monthly mortgage approvals.

And it is a sign that despite pent-up demand, property buyers are simply not able to access the finance they need, real estate experts warn.

The whole issue of lack of finance is holding back a property sector revival, analysts believe.

New figures from Nationwide, the UK's largest building society, show that prices increased 1.3 per cent in July, the fourth increase in five months.

Its chief economist Martin Gahbauer said that tight supply, pent-up demand and historically low interest rates had been enough to produce a bounce in prices despite the economic downturn and lack of finance.

But questions remain over the stability of property prices and restrictive lending criteria still being used by banks.

There is still a great deal of concern over the state of the economy and long-term employment figures, suggesting growth in mortgage lending will be slow at best.

"These figures are positive news, but it is still extremely difficult to arrange mortgage finance for the majority of prospective buyers.

"Unless you have a sizeable deposit, a good salary, a safe job and a faultless credit history, you'll struggle to be accepted for a loan," said



Andrew Montlake, director at independent mortgage broker Coreco.

Paul Samter, economist at the Council of Mortgage Lenders, believes that any recovery will be slow and drawn out.

He said: "The outlook is still sluggish as capacity constraints on the lending industry and continuing deterioration in the labour market will act as a brake on the pick up."

The latest figures from the Building Societies Association also indicate a slight improvement in lending. Its data shows that gross mortgage

lending by building societies was just under £2 billion in June, the highest level seen this year and up 30 per cent on May.

"Lending remains at historically low levels and is 40 per cent lower than in June last year. While these signs of improvement are welcome, activity is still very weak.

"Net lending is only a small fraction of the levels seen through 2008 and lending for house purchases remains about 50 per cent below the long-run average," said Brian Morris, head of savings policy at the BSA.

Site warning to children during summer holidays

have recently started work on three new developments.

"Our construction teams watch out for youngsters while they are working and we secure our sites when we finish for the day. But we also ask parents to make sure they know where their children are during the holiday time."

Ward Homes holds regular safety talks and site visits for schools close to where it is building in order to highlight the hazards of playing on or near construction sites.

"It's important to get youngsters thinking about the dangers that exist and get the message across that they should stay away," he said.

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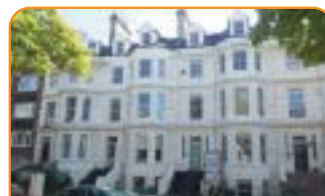
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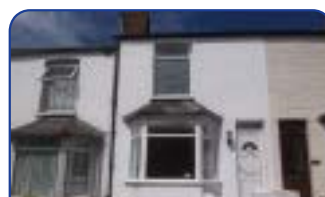
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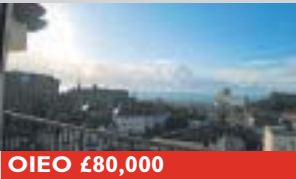
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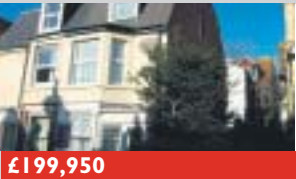
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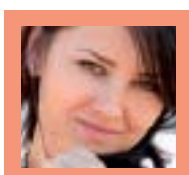
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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Hi I'm Katie, caring, fun-loving, 5ft5, slim single mum of 2. Enjoy clubbing out and cosy nights in with genuine man. Box 453269 ①

MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 ①

NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft11, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 ①

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756 ①

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving loyal female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 ①

YOURS AND YOURS ONLY

Attractive, down-to-earth British-Indian single mum, 29, WLTW white British male, 29-34, no ties, for long-term relationship. Box 883431 ①

SEEKING MR DARCY

Warm, kind and sincere woman, 31, lots of love and loyalty for the right person, seeking an honest genuine man with a good heart. Box 451004 ①

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 ①

IN THE COUNTRY

Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265 ①

A FAIRYTALE ENDING!

Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957 ①

GOOD LUCK CHARM

Sporty female, 34, 5ft2, likes the gym, beach walks, Tennis and cycling, with similar male in his 30s for friendship in Eastbourne. Box 453712 ①

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME...

Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039 ①

SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 ①

HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Canterbury Wells. Box 308734 ①

SEALED WITH A KISS

Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079 ①

STARRY NIGHTS

Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378 ①

SOMETHING LASTING

Professional single mum, 37, own home, looking for a man for friendship, hopefully a permanent relationship. Halisham Box 455221 ①

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 ①

GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim build, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding, and WLTW honest, reliable man. Box 451311 ①

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Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 ①

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 ①

CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983 ①

BLOND AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 ①

A SOUL MATE

Black Christian girl, 39, likes country music, loving, considerate, kind and caring, looking for a like-minded man, 32-50, with a pretty inside. Box 453066 ①

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Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! Likes the gym, reading, new experiences! Seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 ①

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YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 ①

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 ①

SMILE!

Looking for a fun-loving guy for a LTR. I'm 41, works as a dental nurse, easy to get on with, always up for fun times. Sittingbourne Box 454827 ①

THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 452862 ①

BETWEEN US

Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, outgoing, fun-loving, professional, looking for white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 ①

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once nervous female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 ①

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, gosh, looking for a man with no issues and gosh who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 ①

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 447496 ①

LOVE IS ALL AROUND

Happy-go-lucky, bubbly blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley Box 454517 ①

HELLO EVERYONE!

Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTW a non-smoking guy to share it all with. Seaford Box 454569 ①

ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, with mixed race/black girl, to share good times with. Box 451819 ①

LET'S DATE!

Hard-working woman, 42, WLTW a nice and caring man to date and be happy with. Herne Bay Box 455327 ①

BELLA ISABEL

Lovely, fun and caring brunette, 42, recently divorced, intelligent, hard working, fun-loving, WLTW a gent to socialise with. Box 878250 ①

SMILES, LAUGHTER AND FUN

Country girl, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long natural Auburn colour hair, green eyes, seeks man for long term relationship, fun, smiles and good times! Battle. Box 878304 ①

YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring woman, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457 ①

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 ①

STARTING OVER

Divorced 45yr old cuddly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach. WLTW a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford Box 878141 ①

COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693 ①

RELIGHT MY FIRE

Young professional widow, 46, own home, tall, attractive, green eyes/fair hair, enjoys all the good things in life. Looking for a fun-loving romantic guy. Box 876575 ①

YOUNG AT HEART

Young 46, fun-loving but also mature, serious female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent and full of fun. Box 884113 ①

FROM THIS MOMENT

Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, n/s, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, n/s, -5ft7, to share life with. Ashford. Box 454591 ①

HOPING YOU'RE THE ONE

Petite, outgoing blonde, 46, GSOH, looking for a caring, compassionate man who will be my soulmate and hopefully my life partner. Box 454710 ①

HEART AND SOUL

Easy-going single mum, 46, 5ft4, size 12/14, likes bowling, gardening, swimming, looking for a man, 35-49, slim/medium build with similar interests. Maidstone Box 454176 ①

SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 ①

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 ①

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952 ①

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 ①

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HIT THE JACKPOT

Good-looking female, 50, looking for a kind, reliable and honest man, must be a moderate drinker, for companionship and romance. Box 878216 ①

LOVELY BUBBLY

Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gosh to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311 ①

BRING ME TO LIFE

Lighthearted female, 42, 5ft2, medium build, loves walking, socialising, swimming, holidays, looking for friendship maybe more. Box 453832 ①

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...

Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410 ①

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE

Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTW similar loving male. Box 434642 ①

A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Bubbly blonde, 56, hazel eyes, hard working, seeking a man, 45-55, to be my knight in shining armour. Herne Bay Box 455417 ①

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795 ①

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 ①

CALL ME LOVE

Young at heart 63yr old woman, likes most things, looking for a genuine male, for friendship and more. Box 452662 ①

LOTS OF TLC TO GIVE

Happy-go-lucky lady, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walking and holidays abroad, looking for a like-minded male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 452897 ①

NEARLY FOUND

Tall, slim, fair-haired lady, 68, sociable but lonely and looking to meet a man to take a special place in my life. Folkestone. Box 454993 ①

MEANT TO MEET...

Grounded lady of 73, looking for companionship with a similar gentleman who wants to share and enjoy all of life's pleasures. Box 453141 ①

A NEW LEAF

Genuine, caring male, loving, and hardworking. Young 40, slim, 5ft10, blue eyes. WLTW woman with similar qualities. Kent. Box 453676 ①

ILL MAKE YOU SMILE

Kath from Kent, 40, two children, like walking, swimming, cycling, very fun-loving, looking for a girl with similar interests. Box 453111 ①

HONESTY IS KEY

Honest gent, 39, 5ft11, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, like country pubs and clubs, restaurants, dining out, cosy nights in! Seeking similar lady down-to-earth lady. Box 452101 ①

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Romantic man, 41, 5ft10, slim, average looking, looking for a lady to bring love and laughter back into my life. Canterbury Box 455342 ①

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR

Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes cars, games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750 ①

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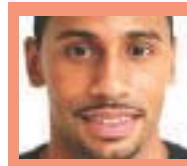
Happy-go-lucky male, 43, Looking for a woman who I can engage with in mutual love, respect, admiration and adventure! Box 877109 ①

FREE AND SINGLE

Mixed race male, 42, 5ft10, likes chatting, and music. Looking for an attractive, romantic female, in the Swale or Medway areas. Box 877462 ①

HONEST

Kind, caring and loving 44yr old man, slim, 5ft11, dark hair/eyes, love walking, music, looking for black lady, no ties, 25-45, for a LTR. Maidstone. Box 453980 ①



MEN seeking women

FOR LOVE

Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! likes going/seeing out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar, happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752 ①

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH, and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 878986 ①

BOTTLE OF WINE

Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165 ①

I'M YOUR MAN

Hi I'm Dave, 37, 6ft, likes staying in and going out, looking for a easygoing female for friendship leading to more. Box 453105 ①

AN ATTRACTIVE OFFER

Handsome, tall male, 38, 6'4", looking for a young lady to slowly rediscover the finer things in life. Box 454805 ①

TRUSTWORTHY

Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423

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Fiesta time for Ford as awards keep piling up

AUTO Express magazine has lauded the Ford Fiesta at its 2009 awards. The supermini – the UK's best-seller – not only scooped the overall Car of the Year 2009, but was also judged Best Supermini.

Ford also took the Best MPV award with its sporty S-Max and earned commendations for the Ka, Kuga and two Mondeo models. Auto Express editor-in-chief, David Johns, said of the Fiesta: "The sleek exterior makes many rivals look dated, while the cutting-edge cabin is as distinctive as it is attractive."



Hard-up buyers can't fall back on used cars

PRICES for used cars have rocketed, leaving recession-hit buyers struggling to find deals.

Trade valuation 'bible' Glass's Guide reports used stocks at an "all-time low" with no sign of improvement. The problem stems from private and corporate new car buyers backing off new acquisitions at the first signs of recession, choking used supplies further down the line.

Glass's rival CAP says small car values are most robust, but open-tops and MPVs like the Toyota Verso (pictured) are rising.



Eco-friendly Nissan is turning over new Leaf

NISSAN has announced an affordable and practical electric car that could be with us within two years.

The Leaf not only has the right name for a zero-emission car, but also looks the part while being able to cover 100 miles on its lithium-ion batteries; 80 per cent of their capacity can then be restored by a 30-minute charge – the nose panel conceals the charging point.

Pricing should be competitive too since, unlike hybrids, an electric car is less complex and cheaper to make.



IT'S LOOKING GOOD: Peugeot's 207 delivers a good ride with decent comfort and wears its size well with sharp styling, a deep window line and huge sweeping headlamps

Peugeot supermini style still attractive to buyers

IT took time for Peugeot to hit the mark on superminis, but it has been on target ever since.

The purple patch stretches back to the 1980s 205, which became the best-selling Peugeot of all time during a 14-year run, only for the record to be smashed by its 206 successor.

That car was only partially replaced by the 207 tested here, continuing as a bargain base-alternative built in Slovakia.

The bigger 207 wears its size well with sharp styling, a deep window line and huge sweeping headlamps. Not surprisingly, it is also roomier and more comfortable inside than the 206, even if the raked back cramps rear seating and headroom and costs some boot space, though the 60/40 split seats fold flat to create a van-like rear.

The airy cabin was enhanced on the test car by the optional Cielo panoramic roof – a no-brainer really at £400 extra – and all this light falls on quality materials and an excellent dashboard layout far superior to the old 206's.

Extra audio controls are mounted on a wide stalk to the right of the steering column; obviously cheaper than attaching them to the

ROAD TEST PEUGEOT 207

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating | ★★★★★ |

wheel itself yet easily accessible whatever steering lock is applied. A lack of cabin stowage is the only real concern.

Once on the move, you re-discover Peugeot's forte in supermini chassis designs that consistently deliver a good drive with decent ride comfort.

The 207 grips well and can be pressed hard, with well-controlled body roll on the corners.

Engine choice runs from the lively 1.4-litre entry petrol engine – a better way into 207 ownership than it appears – to mainstay 1.6-litre petrol variants and two similar capacity diesel line-ups.

Our high level Sport spec test car had the 1.6-litre HDi diesel unit in mid-range 90bhp output, which is a fine all-rounder (model price: £14,495).

It can be a bit raucous when cold and under pressure, but there is plenty of pulling power for safer exiting of junctions or overtaking, though the five-speed gearbox feels vague.

The 207 can look pricey, but has to be on any supermini shopping list and the current Verve special edition is a good deal from £12,040 with alloys and air con as standard.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

SMALLER 4x4s

IT'S not hard to see why compact 4x4 or sports utility vehicle (SUV) sales boomed ahead of the recession. By combining trendy off-road looks and high riding MPV versatility carmakers scored a double bull's-eye. Hi-tech diesels also allowed owners to buy image without paying wallet-busting fuel prices, but even small 4x4s are now seen as less socially and environmentally acceptable and used prices have fallen. However, one person's distress sale can be another's bargain buy – three of the best are featured here.

HONDA CR-V



HONDA'S CR-V is one of the best compact SUVs, but sales of the smart first generation car were hamstrung by the lack of a diesel option. That changed with the more rugged Mark II (pictured) and continues through the current and more stylish model – one of the smoothest, quietest and most economical diesels in the sector. All CR-Vs have smart, durable and versatile cabins, plus Honda reliability and, latterly, a 'Made in Britain' tag from production at Honda Swindon.

STAR QUALITY

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Quality | ★★★★★ |

TOYOTA RAV



TOYOTA'S original RAV4 was dubbed 'the GTI off-roader' and revolutionised the small 4x4 sector. The Japanese marque recognised that few 4x4s actually went anywhere where they needed extra traction, so it concentrated on maximising on-road performance and comfort – the RAV was a huge success. The Mark II (pictured) was chunkier and roomier with removable rear seats while the current range has folding rear seats. Marks I and II included three as well as five-door models.

STAR QUALITY

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|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Quality | ★★★★★ |

KIA SPORTAGE



KIA pretty much copied the RAV4 formula to create the Sportage, but this is no poor copy. Early examples couldn't match the driving experience of the RAV, but interior build and general rough ground ability is impressive. A midlife makeover boosted quality and on-road handling and attracted an awesome seven-year warranty. Diesels are the best buys, purely on grounds of economy. Shop around and you can also save on the two-wheel drive version, a recent introduction to the range.

STAR QUALITY

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|-----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
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FIESTA, 'New Shape' 1.25 Zetec, 2009, moonstul silver, 2000 miles, £10995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 'New Shape' 1.4 TDCi Zetec, 2009, hot magenta, 2400 miles, £12795, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec Climate, 2006, jeans, 17586 miles, £6995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Ghia, 2007, moonstul silver, 14000 miles, £8495, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Zetec Climate 1242cc 5 door, 2006, central locking driver's airbag power steering metallic blue, 26350 miles, £8495, Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Zetec 3dr [Climate] - SPORT & TECH PACK, wm08gzb, tech pack, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group 4, silver, 13223 miles, £7495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Ghia 5dr, en03kcx, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. blue, 31390 miles, £5995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style 3dr [Climate], yt55bfu, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, head blue, 27301 miles, £5795, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec 3dr [Climate] - SPORT & TECH PACK, wj57gzp, privacy glass, folding mirrors, auto headlights, auto wipers, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group 5, black, 37825 miles, £7495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 TDCi Zetec 5dr, aj58jvw, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, ford direct. insurance group 4, blue, 3214 miles, £12990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style 3dr *****NEW SHAPE*****, gn58sxu, metallic ocean. abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, all vehicles come with balance of 3 year, contact the used car team for more help, with over 400 ford cars in stock today. insurance group 3, blue, 6 miles, £9795, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 1.6 Zetec S 3dr***STREET PACK**CITY PACK***, ey09xhe, city pack, side skirts, esp, quickclear heated screen, 17 alloy wheel upgrade, curtain airbags, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd. insurance group:6, red, 2911 miles, £14000, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 1.4 Titanium 5dr, eo58rzb, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, insurance group:3, blue, 6 miles, £9795, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Titanium 3dr*****INDIVIDUAL*****, gj09dou, metallic hot magenta. abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, individual leather pack, quickclear heated screen, all vehicles come with balance of 3 year, contact the used car team for more help, with over 400 ford cars in stock today, bluetooth handsfree and voice control, immobiliser, metallic pai, red, 7000 miles, £13995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 TDCi Zetec S 3dr - FULL LEATHER, ej57oac, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, blue, 3000 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Ghia 5dr - FULL LEATHER, na07vlic, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, silver, 22926 miles, £7995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 TDCi Zetec 5dr [Climate], mv58ldz, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, , black, 14065 miles, £8495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Ghia 5dr - FULL LEATHER, wu58jxy, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, blue, 14077 miles, £8495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Titanium 3dr - KEYLESS ENTRY, FORD POWER START, ex58wvt, ford power start, tech pack, ford power start, privacy glass, bluetooth with usb, folding mirrors, keyless entry, auto wipers, auto headlights, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd. insurance group:4, silver, 6000 miles, £12495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 2.0 ST 3dr - FULL LEATHER, gf07bno, park assist, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:13, red, 18800 miles, £9495, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec Blue 3dr - SPECIAL EDITION, lv08fnz, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, blue, 14838 miles, £7995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Ghia 5dr - FULL LEATHER, na07vlic, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, silver, 22926 miles, £7995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style 3dr [Climate], gk57xpo, adjustable seats, air conditioning, driver airbag, power 19817 miles, £8990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

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I-CAR, 5dr Auto, gn57uta, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, colour coding body, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, tinted glass, black, 14000 miles, £6995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

L200, Double Cab 2.5 Td Trojan, ej56ych, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, leather seats, locking wheel nuts, power assisted steering, remote locking, silver, 27000 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

L200, Double Cab Di-D Diamond 4WD Auto 1658hp, fe57ohf, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric sunroof, foglights, heated seats, leather seats, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, navigation system, power assisted steering, remote locking, traction control. insurance group:19, blue, 21500 miles, £13995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

LANCER, 2.0 Di-D GS4 4dr, gk09nws, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, heated seats, leather seats, immobiliser, traction control. insurance group:9, red, 500 miles, £16995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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OUTLANDER, II 2.0 Di-DC Warrior 5dr, lx57xsl, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, dvd, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, multi function steering wheel, power assisted steering. insurance group:11, silver, 17300 miles, £15495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

OUTLANDER, II 2.0 Di-DC Warrior 5dr "Leather", ww08tba, electric mirrors, leather gearknob, tinted windows, airbag double + side, cd player, fog lights, electricdoor mirrors, metallic paint, leather steering wheel, 18 light alloy wheels, adjustable seat height, air-conditioning, boardcomputer, silver, 3000 miles, £18495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

OUTLANDER, II 2.0 Di-DC Warrior 5dr, wn08ccx, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, child locks, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, front armrest, folding rear seats, leather seats, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, multi function steering wheel, power assisted steering, remote locking. insurance group:11, grey, 12000 miles, £17995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

SHOGUN, 3.2 Di-DC Diamond 5dr Auto, gk07vyt, air conditioning, alloy wheels, anti theft system, central locking, child locks, climate control, colour coding body, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, dvd, electric mirrors, electric windows, extra seats, electric sunroof, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, headlight washers, folding rear seats, heated seats, leather seatswheelgreen, 20395 miles, £20495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

SHOGUN, 3.2 Di-D Elegance 5dr Auto "Balliat Upgrade", lv56hpk, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, central locking, climate control, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric sunroof, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, folding rear seats, heated seats, leather seats, immobiliser, navigation system, passenger airbag, rear armrest, roof rails grey, 24750 miles, £14995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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ALMERA, 2.2d se+, 2001, silver, 0 miles, £2995, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

FIGARO, 1.0 turbo auto, 1990, green and white with white leather, 132000 miles, £4799, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

MICRA, 1.2 16v S, oe05wcu, cloth, carbon, 3 rear headrests, 3-point elr seatbelts, abs with brake assist, battery save, body coloured bumpers, central door locking, driver's airbag, electric brake distribution (ebd), electric front windows, engine immobiliser, friendly lighting system, front seatbelt pretensioners, front side airbags, headlamp levelling, height adjustable driver's seat, keyless entry with superlocking, passenger airbag, rear sliding seat, single cd player, speed dependent pas, tilt adjustable steering wheel, techno grey, 31000 miles, £5495.0000, Canterbury, 01227 766777 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.5 dCi 86 Acenta, gj09vnx, cloth, carbon, 15" alloy wheels, 60:40 split/folding rear seat, active front headrest system, air-conditioning, anti-lock braking system (abs), bluetooth integration, body coloured bumpers, body coloured door handles, body coloured door mirrors, brake assist, central door locking, curtain airbags, drive computer, driver's and passengers airbag , blade silver, 3 miles, e611495.0000, Canterbury, 01227 766777 (TRADE)

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Closing date: Friday 21 August 2009

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CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

Kent Cricket League Division One
Folkestone v Canterbury

A GRITTY ninth-wicket partnership between Andy Bray and Stuart Graham rescued Folkestone from what looked like certain defeat against Canterbury.

The hosts appeared to be getting sucked deeper into a relegation battle until a stand of 51 frustrated the visitors for long enough to force a losing draw.

Canterbury began the day second bottom but started positively after winning the toss. Their opening pair put on 80 before Matthew Jenkinson was run out for 48, a score emulated by his partner Luke Samarasinghe.

Paul Steer kept Canterbury's innings going with a half-century, supported by Donald Carter (28). They reached 212 for six from 50 overs for a respectable but not intimidating target. Ashok Kadam was the only bowler to take more than one wicket, claiming two for 70.

Folkestone's innings was thrown into disarray from the very beginning as both opening batsmen were sent packing without scoring. Kadam (18) and Daniel Clark (21) steadied the innings, but when they fell in quick succession the rest of the middle order followed.

Marooned on 81 for eight, Folkestone looked doomed when Graham joined Bray at the wicket. Instead, the pair set about salvaging something from the game, much to the chagrin of the Canterbury attack.

Graham was eventually dismissed, but Folkestone hung on as Bray finished unbeaten on 35.

Late stand salvages
draw for Folkestone

PUT TO FLIGHT: Folkestone (bowling) allowed Canterbury to post a respectable total of 212 for six – it was a target the hosts never threatened

SCOREBOARD

Canterbury

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Matthew Jenkinson | run out (Cullen) 48 |
| Luke Samarasinghe | ct Hark b Bryen 48 |
| Paul Steer | b An Bray 52 |
| Donald Carter | ct Graham b Al Bray 28 |
| Chris Jay | not out 14 |
| Justin Macvicar | b Kadam 0 |
| Ryan Minter | ct Clark b Kadam 18 |
| Stuart Drakeley | did not bat 0 |
| Simon Smith | did not bat 0 |
| Damian Minter | did not bat 0 |
| Tim Wren | did not bat 0 |
| Extras (2lb 1w 1nb) | 4 |
| Total (6 wickets, 50 overs) | 212 |

| Bowlers | 0 | M | R | W |
|---------------|----|---|----|---|
| Andy Bray | 9 | 1 | 48 | 1 |
| Ashok Kadam | 15 | 0 | 70 | 2 |
| Thomas Cullen | 15 | 0 | 50 | 0 |
| Joshua Bryen | 7 | 3 | 19 | 1 |
| Ali Bray | 4 | 0 | 23 | 1 |

Folkestone

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| David Miles | b R Minter 0 |
| Nick Graham | b D Minter 0 |
| Ashok Kadam | b Wren 18 |
| Daniel Clark | ct Steer b Samarasinghe 21 |
| Ali Bray | ct Carter b Samarasinghe 5 |
| Joshua Bryen | lbw b Wren 0 |
| Laurence Ward | ct Smith b Macvicar 7 |
| Andy Bray | not out 35 |
| Thomas Cullen | ct Smith b Macvicar 0 |
| Stuart Graham | ct Steer b Minter 35 |
| Liam Hark | not out 1 |
| Extras (7b 1lb 5w 2nb) | 15 |
| Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) | 137 |

| Bowlers | 0 | M | R | W |
|-------------------|----|---|----|---|
| Ryan Minter | 11 | 0 | 39 | 2 |
| Damian Minter | 3 | 0 | 16 | 1 |
| Tim Wren | 14 | 5 | 25 | 2 |
| Luke Samarasinghe | 10 | 3 | 26 | 2 |
| Stuart Drakeley | 7 | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| Justin Macvicar | 5 | 0 | 14 | 2 |

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
HSBC v Sibton Park

AN IMPRESSIVE display from Sibton Park's bowlers helped secure a 40-run victory at HSBC to extend their lead in Division Two.

Sibton won the toss and elected to bat, but it proved to be a tough day at the office. With the help of Jamie Keeler's 49, Park were eventually bowled out for a disappointing 137.

However, with a low score to defend Sibton's bowlers steamed through HSBC, dismissing them for 97 to clinch victory. Andy Allan was the pick of the bowlers, finishing with figures of 3 for 19.

Sibton Park

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| George Leadbetter | run out R Slater 8 |
| Andy Allan | ct Potter b A Slater 24 |
| Jamie Keeler | ct Potter b A Slater 49 |
| Steve Hobbs | ct Golbourn b Abslom 5 |
| Ben Allen | ct Potter b Bate 8 |
| Daniel Lodge | b Bate 18 |
| Ben Carberry | ct & b Bate 0 |
| Steve Hickmott | ct Sub b Golbourn 14 |
| Steven Rowe | ct Potter b Bate 2 |
| Tim Smith | ct Bate b Golbourn 4 |
| Trevor Lewis | not out 0 |
| Extras (2b 3w) | 5 |
| Total (all out, 45.3 overs) | 137 |

| Bowlers | 0 | M | R | W |
|------------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Jack Robertson | 5 | 1 | 20 | 0 |
| Liam Jensen | 8 | 1 | 26 | 0 |
| Alan Slater | 10 | 2 | 33 | 2 |
| Matthew Abslom | 6 | 1 | 19 | 1 |
| Richard Golbourn | 8.3 | 0 | 21 | 2 |
| Stuart Bate | 8 | 3 | 16 | 4 |

HSBC

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Richard Golbourn | ct Lewis b Rowe 4 |
| Jack Harris | ct Allen b Rowe 2 |
| Sam Perks | run out Hobbs 5 |
| Stuart Bate | b Smith 10 |
| Alan Slater | b Carberry 8 |
| Jack Potter | ct Allen b Leadbetter 27 |
| Richard Slater | lbw b Allen 15 |
| Jack Robertson | ct Rowe b Allen 5 |
| Matthew Abslom | lbw b Leadbetter 11 |
| Shantha Ratnayake | not out 0 |
| Liam Jensen | ct B Allen b A Allen 1 |
| Extras (4b 2lb 3w) | 9 |
| Total (all out, 43.5 overs) | 97 |

| Bowlers | 0 | M | R | W |
|-------------------|------|---|----|---|
| Steven Rowe | 0 | 7 | 17 | 2 |
| Tim Smith | 8 | 2 | 24 | 2 |
| Ben Carberry | 5 | 0 | 18 | 1 |
| Andy Allan | 13.5 | 6 | 19 | 3 |
| George Leadbetter | 10 | 5 | 13 | 2 |

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
Sandwich Town v The Mote

A BATTING collapse cost Sandwich Town the chance to beat promotion hopefuls The Mote as they lost by 13 runs on Saturday.

The visitors were incredibly reduced to 3 for 4 in a dazzling start for Sandwich as Craig Spanton took three wickets. Staring at a humiliatingly low total, the visitors from Maidstone restored some respectability with vital runs from their tail.

Sandwich got within 30 runs of victory with five wickets in hand, but a feeble collapse saw them all out for 130.

The Mote

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| James Marriott | ct Singh b Spanton 0 |
| Tom Harvey | b Bradley 0 |
| James Hodgson | ct Lawrence b Spanton 0 |
| Daniel Thirkell | ct Chapman b Snell 25 |
| Umesh Jaljee | ct Lawrence b Spanton 2 |
| Chris Aulck | b Bradley 8 |
| Glen Aulck | ct Chapman b Snell 1 |
| Laurence Waters | ct Goatham b van Poppel 45 |
| Warren Jackson | run out (Lawrence) 21 |
| Kym Daley | not out 28 |
| Alex Fordham | b Goatham 2 |
| Extras (2b 4lb 3w 2nb) | 11 |
| Total (all out, 48.5 overs) | 143 |

| Bowlers | 0 | M | R | W |
|--------------------|------|---|----|---|
| Craig Spanton | 12 | 4 | 19 | 3 |
| Jack Bradley | 8 | 2 | 41 | 2 |
| Craig Snell | 8 | 2 | 21 | 2 |
| Robert Goatham | 10.5 | 0 | 33 | 1 |
| Matthew van Poppel | 10 | 4 | 23 | 1 |

Sandwich Town

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Craig Snell | ct Fordham b Aulck 30 |
| David Scoggins | ct Fordham b Aulck 0 |
| Michael Beaumont | lbw b Waters 3 |
| Vishal Singh | ct Fordham b Aulck 21 |
| Robert Goatham | lbw b Waters 6 |
| Rhys Jones | ct Harvey b Thirkell 24 |
| Tom Chapman | b Harvey 18 |
| Gavin Lawrence | ct Harvey b Thirkell 7 |
| Craig Spanton | ct Harvey b Harvey 2 |
| Matthew van Poppel | not out 5 |
| Jack Bradley | run out 1 |
| Extras (2b 1lb 8w 2nb) | 13 |
| Total (all out, 48.1 overs) | 130 |

| Bowlers | 0 | M | R | W |
|-----------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Kym Daley | 9 | 1 | 33 | 0 |
| Glen Aulck | 15 | 3 | 42 | 3 |
| Laurence Waters | 11 | 2 | 21 | 2 |
| Tom Harvey | 9.1 | 1 | 21 | 2 |
| Daniel Thirkell | 4 | 0 | 10 | 2 |

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR
Addington Village v Walmer

WALMER slipped closer to the relegation zone after they were thumped by 115 runs against champions elect Addington Village.

Batting first, the hosts racked up a competitive 225 for 7 from their 50 overs. Mark Rimmer (74) and Duncan Brown (63) were the chief architects as Peter Huntley (3 for 61) enjoyed success with the ball.

Walmer's reply barely got going and it was only a plucky 36 from tail ender Charlie Walsh which saw them past 100 before they were dismissed.

Addington Village

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mark Rimmer | ct Wilcox b Huntley 74 |
| Ben Buet | ct Bond b Holiday 3 |
| Will Jeffery | ct North b Huntley 24 |
| Duncan Brown | b Cotton 63 |
| Neil Scott | b Huntley 7 |
| Mat Bruton | b Holiday 30 |
| Joe Pigott | not out 9 |
| Matthew Seager | b Cotton 0 |
| Keith Stone | did not bat 0 |
| Jack Sopp | did not bat 0 |
| Kevin Smithier | did not bat 0 |
| Extras (4b 6lb 5w) | 15 |
| Total (7 wickets, 50 overs) | 225 |

| Bowlers | 0 | M | R | W |
|---------------|----|---|----|---|
| Paul Holiday | 14 | 2 | 57 | 2 |
| Andrew Cotton | 10 | 2 | 32 | 2 |
| Peter Huntley | 15 | 2 | 61 | 3 |
| Graeme North | 11 | 0 | 65 | 0 |

Walmer

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Martyn North | ct Jeffery b Bruton 9 |
| Jared Bond | ct Scott b Scott 12 |
| Graeme North | ct Smithier b Stone 16 |
| Joe Wilcox | b Scott 18 |
| Mark Parnell | b Pigott 0 |
| Simon Moore | ct Seager b Brown 11 |
| Andrew Cotton | b Pigott 0 |
| Paul Holiday | b Scott 1 |
| Charlie Walsh | ct Scott b Smithier 36 |
| Tom Mitchell | ct Scott b Brown 0 |
| Peter Huntley | not out 0 |
| Extras (4b 2lb 1w) | 7 |
| Total (all out, 38.1 overs) | 110 |

| Bowlers | 0 | M | R | W |
|----------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Keith Stone | 9 | 4 | 19 | 1 |
| Mat Bruton | 2 | 0 | 18 | 1 |
| Neil Scott | 12 | 6 | 35 | 3 |
| Joe Pigott | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Ben Buet | 5 | 0 | 20 | 0 |
| Duncan Brown | 5 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| Kevin Smithier | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE
Farningham v Betteshanger C. Welfare

BETTESHANGER Colliery Welfare moved in to the promotion places in Division Five with a 75-run win over Farningham.

Liam Collins was the star for the visitors, who were put into bat first. While a succession of partners came and went, the number three batted superbly for an unbeaten 76 – half his side's total.

Farningham's hopes of chasing down 164 were curtailed early in their reply as Andrew McNicholas took three wickets. Jamie Towe and Gareth Friend also picked up three each as the hosts were skittled for just 88.

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Clive Towe | b Wiles 11 |
| Chris Garton | lbw b Wiles 8 |
| Liam Collins | not out 76 |
| Jamie Towe | b Price 2 |
| Gareth Friend | b Price 6 |
| Barry Clark | run out (Freedman) 1 |
| Andrew McNicholas | c&b Price 0 |
| Michael McNicholas | c&b Simon Price 0 |
| Steve McNicholas | b Collins 14 |
| Edward Dadd | lbw b Pittman 7 |
| Richard Ferrell | not out 4 |
| Extras (19b 2lb 1lw 2nb) | 34 |
| Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) | 163 |

| Bowlers | 0 | M | R | W |
|------------------|----|---|----|---|
| James Wiles | 11 | 2 | 37 | 2 |
| Simon Price | 15 | 1 | 41 | 4 |
| Matthew Freedman | 6 | 1 | 19 | 0 |
| John Collins | 10 | 1 | 22 | 1 |
| Neal Pittman | 8 | 1 | 23 | 1 |

Farningham

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Darren Blake | ct Collins b A McNicholas 0 |
| Mark Allison | b A McNicholas 12 |
| Neal Pittman | ct J Towe b A McNicholas 0 |
| Hadleigh Wiles | ct A McNicholas b J Towe 1 |
| James Wiles | ct A McNicholas b J Towe 10 |
| Matthew Freedman | ct Collins b J Towe 5 |
| Simon Price | ct Collins b Friend 13 |
| Sean Bensley | ct A McNicholas b M McNicholas 12 |
| Graham Cuthbertson | ct Garton b Friend 24 |
| Paul Fensom | not out 0 |
| John Collins | ct Towe b Friend 0 |
| Extras (1b 9w 1nb) | 11 |
| Total (all out, 30.2 overs) | 88 |

| Bowlers | 0 | M | R | W |
|--------------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Andrew McNicholas | 6 | 2 | 13 | 3 |
| Jamie Towe | 8 | 3 | 24 | 3 |
| Richard Ferrell | 7 | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| Michael McNicholas | 7 | 3 | 26 | 1 |
| Gareth Friend | 3.2 | 1 | 8 | 3 |

New boy Cory on standby for Invicta

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DOUBT: Jimmy Dryden could miss the start of the season with a knee problem

FOLKESTONE Invicta are sweating on the fitness of captain Jimmy Dryden ahead of the start to their season this weekend.

The striker, who played every game last season, took a knock during last Thursday's pre-season friendly against Hastings United, although fortunately for the Seaside's not on the knee that has plagued him in the past.

He may still be fit enough to play some part against Dulwich Hamlet on Saturday.

Invicta boss Neil Cugley remains hopeful but feels new signing Dave Cory could lead the line if necessary.

He said: "We'll just have to see how Jimmy progresses. He is a quick healer, but we are not sure how serious it is – fingers crossed he will be OK. We've been lucky to get Dave Cory, so we could get away without Jimmy if need be."

FOOTBALL

With all the talk at the club during the summer focused on financial turmoil off the pitch, Invicta fans will be relieved to see their side begin the Ryman South campaign this weekend.

Cugley admitted that it had been a trying time for everyone but is optimistic, despite the threat of a points penalty hanging over the club.

He said: "It's been really hard work, so I'll be glad when it gets to three o'clock on Saturday."

"I'm really pleased with how pre-season has gone – it's probably the fittest squad I've had."

"Scoring goals was a problem last season, but with Jimmy and Dave, plus Michael Yianni in behind them, I think they will be as good as anyone in the division."

GOLF



TRIUMPH: Karen Stupples won in Wales on Sunday

Stupples stutters but holds nerve to claim Welsh title

KAREN Stupples put a difficult season behind her to win her first title in five years at the Wales Ladies Championship of Europe.

The 36-year-old from Deal suffered a late blip in her final round at Royal St David's but just hung on to finish one shot ahead of Korea's Amy Yang to win her third career title.

A delighted Stupples said afterwards: "I tried to let it go on the last few holes there, but fortunately I managed to hold on."

"I think the front nine set me off to a fine start. I went off to a really good one and from that point on I sat back, I think, instead of keeping on attacking. It was interesting."

Problems

Stupples went in to the tournament without a top-ten finish in 2009. Her season was disrupted severely by appendix surgery in March and problems with her legs which limited the amount of training she had been able to put in.

Rounds of 69 and 71 saw her make the cut with ease on the links at Royal St David's, but a six-under-par round of 66 on Saturday put her in contention.

Starting the final round two shots behind Yang, Stupples got off to a dream start as she birdied three of the first four holes. Another at the eighth saw her reach the turn three shots clear.

A dropped shot at the tenth was cancelled out by a birdie on the par-five 13th before a late wobble saw her drop two shots in the final three holes. Despite a bogey at the last, she carded a round of 70 to finish one shot clear of the field.

The title was Stupples' first since winning the British Open in 2004.



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HANGING LOOSE: Shaun Welford goes up for a header during Dover's goalless draw at Maidenhead on Saturday – Whites boss Andy Hessenthaler was satisfied with the result

Scoreless draw is all White for season start, says boss

DOVER Athletic manager Andy Hessenthaler was content as his side began life in the Blue Square South with a goalless draw at Maidenhead on Saturday.

The Whites arguably had more of the play at York Road, but they struggled to open up a Maidenhead side reduced to ten men late on.

Despite missing out on the chance to begin the season with a victory, Hessenthaler told Yourdover that he was happy, especially after a less than ideal journey to Berkshire.

"To be fair to the players, the performance was good, but we just couldn't find that important goal," he said.

"Our preparation didn't help as we got stuck on the M25 and M4 and only got to the ground at 2.25pm. The players had a quick ten-minute warm-up and then they played the game."

FOOTBALL

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Maidenhead United 0 Dover Athletic 0

"Maidenhead are a good side and they only finished just outside the play-offs last season, so we knew it would be tough. Looking on the result, I am pleased with it and would have taken a point at the start."

With several centre-backs ruled out through injury, new signing Nicky Southall played in an unfamiliar role in the heart of defence.

Dover had the best of a tight first-half and almost took the lead on 25 minutes with a flowing move which saw Frannie Collin's cross just evade Shaun Welford.

Jon Wallis fired over early in the second-half

and he was almost made to pay as Maidenhead created several good chances.

But Dover held on and were even able to bring on Danny Walder 15 minutes from time. The former Gillingham defender had suffered what was initially feared to be a broken leg in pre-season, but scans revealed the injury was less serious.

Hessenthaler said the youngster could be offered a contract at the club soon.

He said: "Danny has signed for us on a non-contract basis, which is good. He gives us more options in defence and his injury turns out not to be as bad as we thought. I have told him if he can keep working hard then there will be a contract for him on the table."

• Log on to www.yourdover.co.uk for a full report of Dover's first home game of the season against Bishops Cleeve last night. Dorchester visit Crabbie on Saturday.

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